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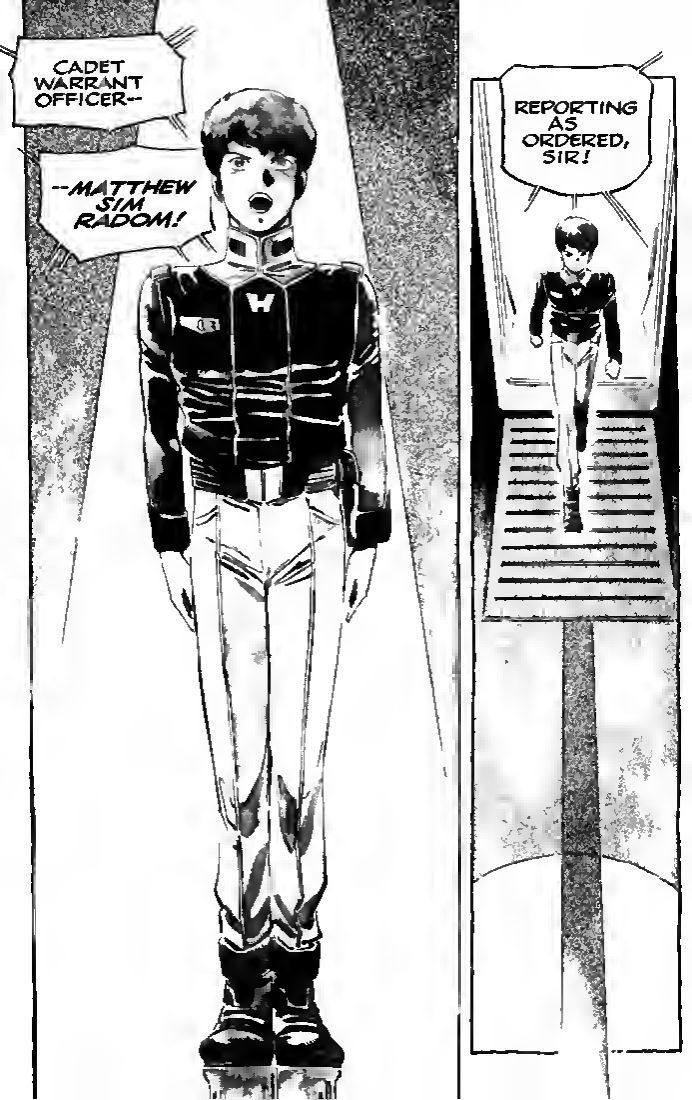

CADET WARRANT OFFICER--
--MATTHEW SIM RADOM!
REPORTING AS ORDERED, SIR!

HALT!
STATE YOUR ASSIGNMENT AND CODE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
ELITE GUARD TRAINING PROGRAM!
A-M 0037!
CODE CHECK FINAL.
PLEASE REMOVE YOUR WEAPONS.
CLICK
WELL, WELL...

THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO HQ, ISN'T IT?
AT EASE, SOLDIER.
THIS IS A VERY SIMPLE MATTER, CADET RADOM.
IT'S REGARDING A... CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO--
--IS TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW.
VREEE

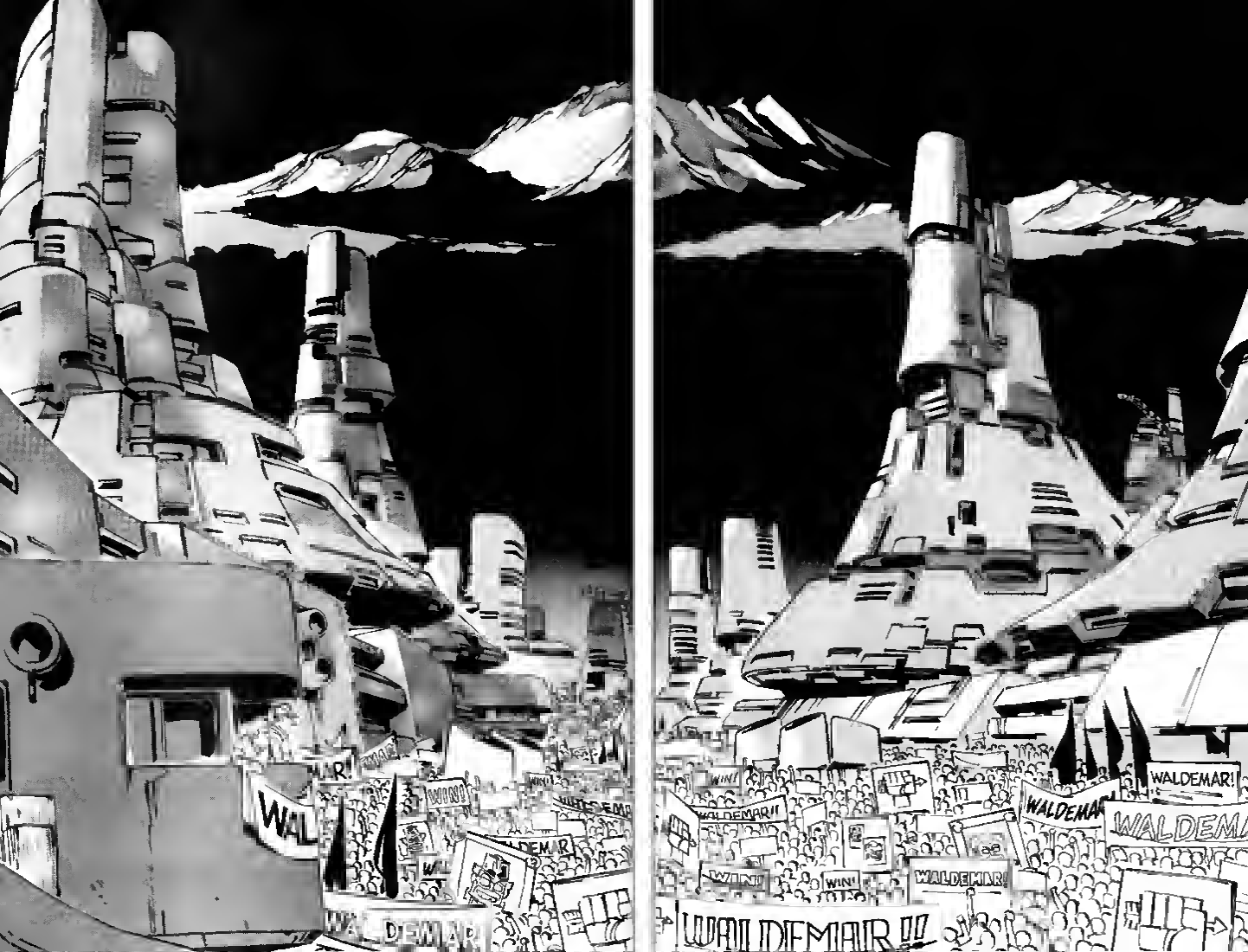
I--
YES, SIR!
YOU ARE ACQUAINTED WITH SECOND LIEUTENANT LUISA FERREOLA OF THE PAY-MASTER'S OFFICE.
ARE YOU NOT?
WHAT?!
NO WAY! FORGET IT!
YOU GO FOR THOSE OLDER WOMEN, HUH?
SHE AIN'T EVEN GONNA LOOK AT A KID LIKE YOU!
GIVE IT UP, PAL--
UHHHH

!
IS... IS SHE—
—A SPY?
WE'LL ASK THE QUESTIONS HERE.
ANSWER COMPLETELY AND TRUTHFULLY AND YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
A CADET WITH THE ELITE GUARD, Hmm?
TOP OF YOUR CLASS, Hmm?
YOU CERTAINLY DON'T LOOK IT.
I'D HAVE GUESSED YOU WERE JUST A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
Hmm...
NOW... HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU MET WITH HER?
GIVE THE LOCATIONS AND SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.
NOT MUCH OF A DRINKER, ARE YOU? I'D BETTER CALL A TAXI.

IS THAT ALL? PERSONAL SUBJECTS?
WAS THERE ANY DISCUSSION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE ARMY--PARTICULARLY THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ELITE GUARD?
ANY--
--EXCHANGES OF CASH?
ANY--
--WRITTEN RECORD OF ACTIVITIES DURING THAT PERIOD?
ANY--
--SEXUAL CONTACT?

HE GRADUATED WITH THE CLASS OF '72.
YOU'RE KIDDING!
THAT'S BECAUSE HE CAME OUT OF MILITARY PREP.
HE'S ONLY EIGHTEEN.
HE MAY BE YOUNG, BUT HE'S ONE OF THEIR BEST.
HE SEEMS--
--TOO YOUNG FOR THAT!
HE GRADUATED NEAR THE TOP IN BOTH CLASSES AND DRILLS
IT WOULD BE WASTEFUL--
--TO ELIMINATE HIM.
WE HAVE NO SOLID PROOF
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER IN ANY CAMPAIGN...
EVEN THE BEST SOLDIERS CAN DIE ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.
AND THERE'S MORE THAN ONE KIND OF BATTLEFIELD...

JANUARY, YENUS YEAR 073— GAUGAMERA, CAPITAL OF ISHTAR.


WALDEMAR!!
WIN!
WALDEMAR!

WALDEMAR!!
LEBENDORFF!!
LEBEN=
DORFF
IS THE
ONLY
CHOICE!

MY FRIENDS! THREE YEARS OF LEBENDORFF HAVE GIVEN US NOTHING!!
NOTHING BUT CORRUPTION!
WALDEMAR
AS YOUR NEXT CONSUL, I, WHO LED YOU TO VICTORY IN THE WAR OF '72--
--GLORY OF ISHTAR WOULD NOT LAST A YEAR UNDER A POLITICAL INCOMPETENT LIKE WALDEMAR!
LEBENDORFF
HURRAH!
LET ME, LEBENDORFF, CONTINUE TO GOVERN FOR YOU!
WALDE-MAR!
WALDE-MAR!
WALDE-MAR!
WALDE-MAR!
WALDE-MAR!
WALDE-MAR!
OFF!
LEBENDORFF!

INCREDIBLE WORSE THAN USUAL, EVEN..
AND THERE'S A LONG TIME TO GO BEFORE THE ELECTION, TOO...
SORRF!
SAUDEMAR!

COMPANYYY
HALT!
--TURBULENT TIMES THAT FACE OUR NATION, WE SHALL REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS!
WE VOW TO REMAIN EVER-CONSCIOUS OF THE TRADITIONS AND NOBLE MISSION OF THE ELITE GUARDS!
YOU PERFORM YOUR EVERY ACTION DIRECTLY UNDER THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE!

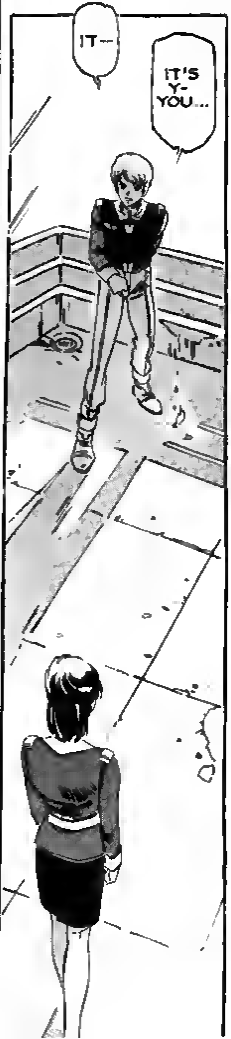
THE ARMED FORCES MUST ALWAYS REMAIN NEUTRAL!
AND THAT IS PARTIC-ULARLY TRUE FOR US!
BUT--!
AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE ALWAYS ON THE SIDE OF JUSTICE...!
JUSTICE, AND THE NATION, AND THE GLORY OF THE CONSUL
TO PROTECT THEM TO THE END -- THAT IS OUR TRUE MISSION!
WHAT A LOAD A' CRAP!
JEEZ..
YEAH.. HE COULD'VE JUST SAID THE ELITE GUARDS ARE LEBENDORFF'S PERSONAL STORM TROOPERS!

WHOA, FELLA--
THAT'S A PRETTY DAMN RADICAL WAY TO PUT IT
BETTER WATCH WHAT YOU SAY...
SOMEONE MIGHT BE LISTENING, HUH?
GULK!
JEEZ
POLITICS SUCK
HEY, BY THE WAY...
...CAPTAIN RADO'S RETURNED TO HIS POST.
YEAH, I HEARD. THEY SAY HE'S JOINING THE GENERAL STAFF AS A FIELD OFFICER
NO SHIT!
IN THE CONSUL ELECTION, HE'LL BE ON WALDEMAR'S SIDE, I GUESS.
GOTTA BE!
HE WAS HIS AIDE-DE-CAMP DURING THE WAR...
SO IF WALDEMAR WINS, HE'LL BE IN FAT CITY ..
GOD DAMN, EH?

IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT RADO...
I MET HIM TODAY.
WHAT?!
W-WHERE?!
!
THUMP
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT, BUT...
TELL US!
C'MON!
YEAH, INTRO-DUCE US TO HIM...!
SHADDUP!!
.....?
I HATE HIS GUTS!!
...AND THE GENERAL STAFF...
...THEY'R ALL SCUM

Love from Luisa
MATTHEW?
GULK!

CLICK


IT--
IT'S Y-YOU...

WHAT THE HELL?! YOU'RE AN ACCUSED SPY...
...AND THEY JUST LET YOU WALK OUT?!
Ai
SO WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
ARE YOU REALLY A SPY?!
DAMMIT, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT!
...IF
!IF THERE'S BEEN SOME SCREWUP AND YOU'VE BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED...
NO, THEY DIDN'T.
EVEN NOW...
THEY'VE PROBABLY GOT ME UNDER SURVEIL-LANCE
?!

..THEN TELL ME!
--TO CLEAR YOUR NAME!
I'LL DO WHAT-EVER I HAVE TO DO--
WHAT I CAME TO TELL YOU IS--DON'T HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO DO WITH ME
JUST FORGET WE EVER MET
HEAD-QUARTERS IS INVESTI-GATING ANYONE CONNECTED WITH ME.
IF YOU'RE INNOCENT, I'LL MAKE SURE THEY PAY--
--FOR DOING WHAT WHAT THEY DID TO YOU...
?!
MATT... STOP
HEY!
LUISA, WAIT!
MAJOR RADO--
--IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS.
BE CARE-FUL

I'VE GOT TO KNOW!
ARE YOU REALLY AN APHRODIAN SPY?
BY THE WAY..
ONE MORE THING!
WATCH OUT FOR THE SECURITY POLICE..
KLK
THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING
THE SECURITY POLICE?
WALDEMAR'S FACTION...?
BAM
.....!

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"DON'T HAVE ANY THING MORE TO DO WITH ME..."
"FORGET WE EVER MET, HEADQUARTERS IS..."

VREEE
BRMMMM

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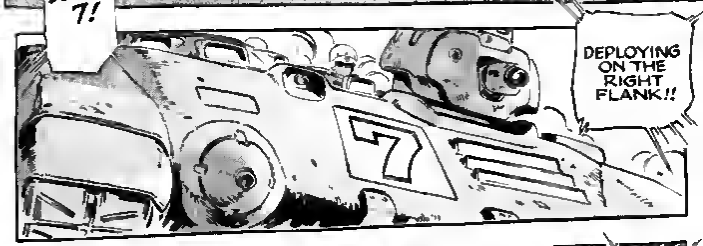
SQUAD 7!
DEPLOYING ON THE RIGHT FLANK!!
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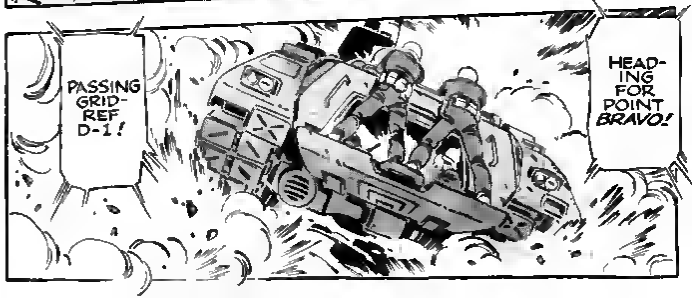
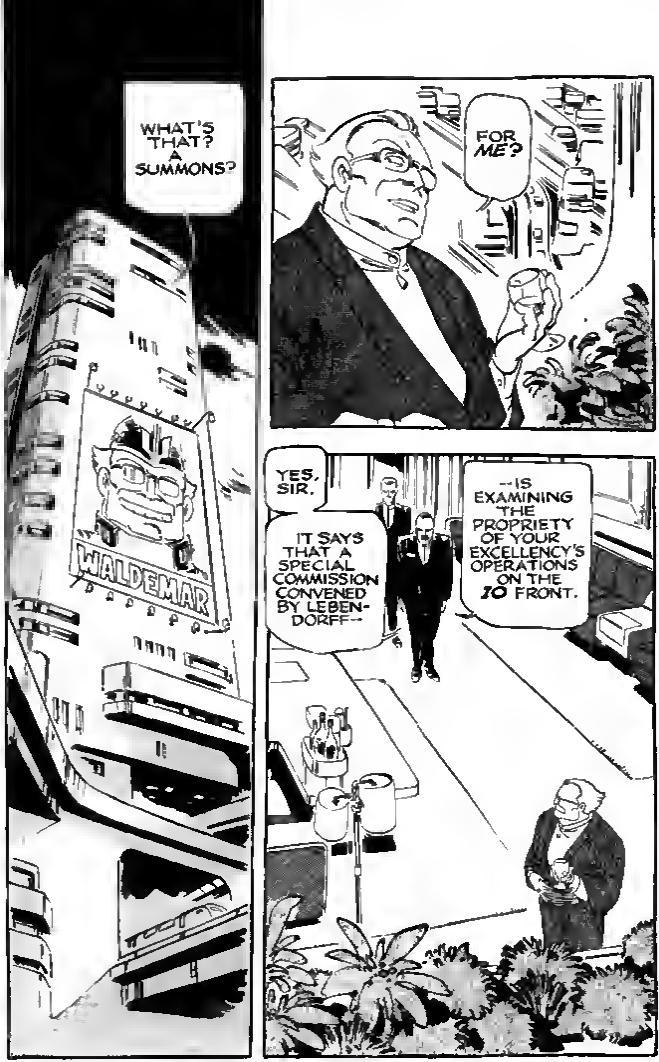
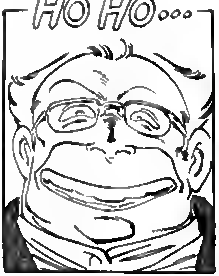
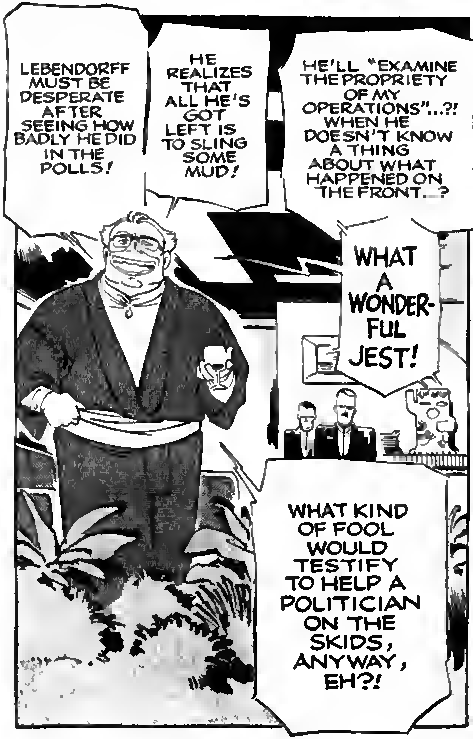

PASSING GRID-REF D-1!
HEAD-ING FOR POINT BRAVO!

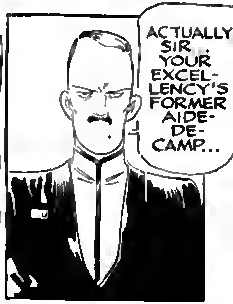
CRUISING SPEED, 100!
WE'LL REACH BRAVO IN 20 MINUTES!
HEY, CADET-- IT'S NO PROB TO HAVE A "GO FOR IT" ATTI-TUDE...
...BUT I'D SUGGEST BACKIN' OFF A HAIR-- YOU AIN'T MAKING ANY FRIENDS HERE, TODAY.
FLANK-ING SPEED!!
POINT D-2 DEAD AHEAD!
WE'RE THE FIRST!
OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO TAKE THE ENEMY POSITION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH BEING LIKED, EH, SERGEANT?!
JEEZUS...

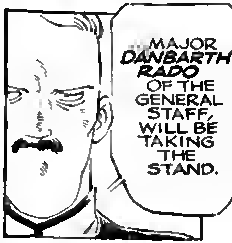

WHAT'S THAT? A SUMMONS?
WALDEMAR
FOR ME?
YES, SIR.
IT SAYS THAT A SPECIAL COMMISSION CONVENED BY LEBEN-DORFF--
--IS EXAMINING THE PROPRIETY OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S OPERATIONS ON THE 10 FRONT.


HO HO...

HOW AMUSING! LET THEM INVESTIGATE ALL THEY LIKE..
HA HAHA!


LEBENDORFF MUST BE DESPERATE AFTER SEEING HOW BADLY HE DID IN THE POLLS!
HE REALIZES THAT ALL HE'S GOT LEFT IS TO SLING SOME MUD!
HE'LL "EXAMINE THE PROPRIETY OF MY OPERATIONS"...?! WHEN HE DOESN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON THE FRONT...?
WHAT A WONDERFUL JEST!
WHAT KIND OF FOOL WOULD TESTIFY TO HELP A POLITICIAN ON THE SKIDS, ANYWAY, EH?!


ACTUALLY SIR, YOUR EXCELLENCY'S FORMER AIDE-DE-CAMP...


MAJOR DANBARTH RADO OF THE GENERAL STAFF, WILL BE TAKING THE STAND.

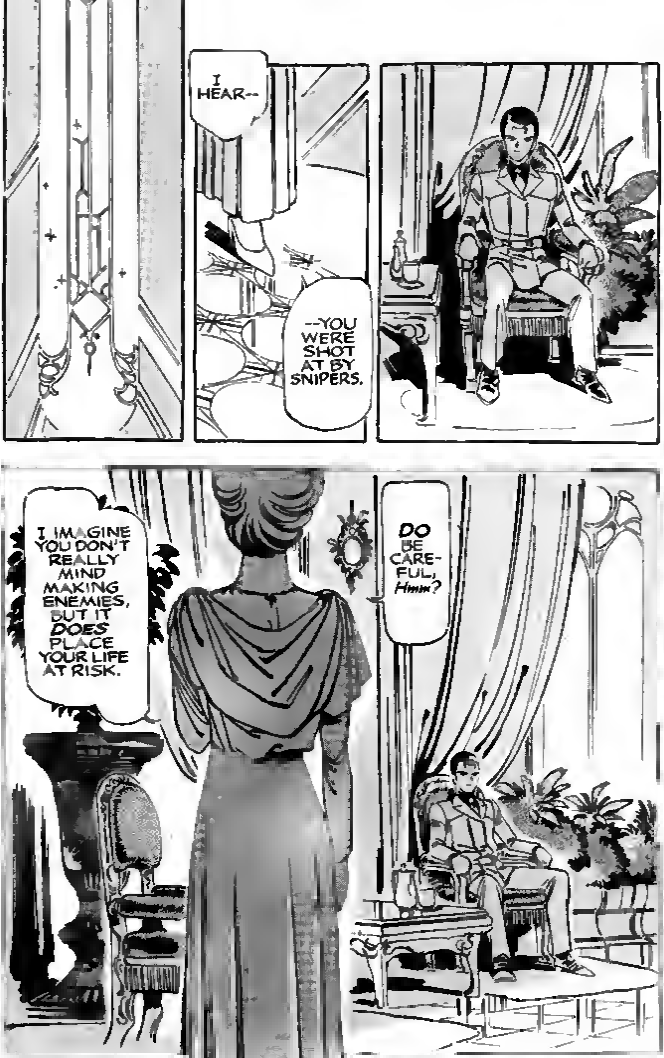
WHAT?!

RADO...?
THAT BASTARD...
MAJOR RADO HAS ALREADY PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH AN OUTLINE OF HIS TESTIMONY.
EVIDENTLY, IT'S EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF YOUR EXCEL-LENCY'S HANDLING OF THE CAMPAIGN.
KRASSH!
RADO, YOU... YOU LITTLE SHIT...
HAS HE NO GRATI-TUDE, AFTER ALL I DID FOR HIM?
AND NOW HE PLANS TO STAB ME IN THE BACK!
BOUGHT OFF BY THE LIKES OF LEBEN-DORFF..
I'LL KILL HIM!!

IF I EVER GAIN POWER, I'LL HAVE HIM EXECUTED!!
EVEN IF I HAVE TO FABRICATE ALL THE EVIDENCE ...
I SWEAR--
--I'LL SEE HIM IN FRONT OF A FIRING SQUAD!!

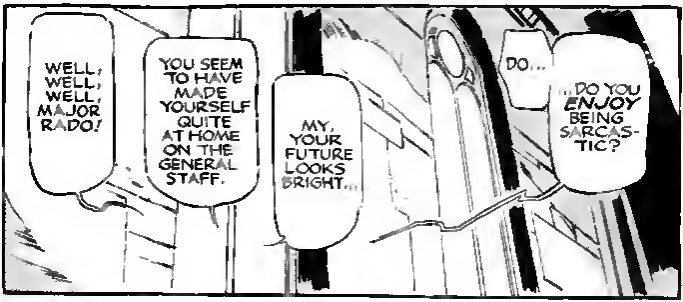
MAJOR RADO!
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMISSION?
THEY SAY YOUR TESTIMONY IS UN-FAVORABLE TO GENERAL WALDEMAR...
IS THAT TRUE?
MAJOR! WHY HAVE YOU DECIDED TO TESTIFY AT THIS TIME?!
WERE YOU APPROACHED BY THE LEBENDORFF FACTION?
DOESN'T THAT BOTHER YOU THAT YOUR TESTIMONY WILL BE USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES?!
MAJOR!
A FEW WORDS, PLEASE!
VRM

SPANNG
SKREEE
RMY
TERROR-ISTS!
THEY WERE AFTER THE MAJOR!
HEY!
MAJOR --ARE YOU HURT?
SEAL OFF THE AREA!


I HEAR--
--YOU WERE SHOT AT BY SNIPERS.
I IMAGINE YOU DON'T REALLY MIND MAKING ENEMIES, BUT IT *DOES* PLACE YOUR LIFE AT RISK.
DO BE CARE-FUL, *Hmm?*

DID ANY-ONE SEE YOU ON YOUR WAY HERE?
DON'T WORRY-- I USED A DOUBLE
MY, MY...
..SO THIS IS A DIS-GUISE?
CIVILIAN CLOTHES BECOME YOU, I MUST SAY...
IT'S NEVER EASY, YOU KNOW...
WHEN YOU'RE A BIG STAR
ENJOY-ING YOUR-SELF, ARE YOU?
I'M AFRAID I LEFT MY SENSE OF HUMOR ON THE BATTLE-FIELD
MY, AREN'T WE TOUCHY!
DON'T TAKE OFFENSE...
YOU'RE A MAN OF GOOD FOR-TUNE.
I EXPECT YOU'LL AVOID CALAMITY FOR THE TIME BEING...
BUT...
YOU SHOULD BEWARE THE QUADRANT OF SATURN

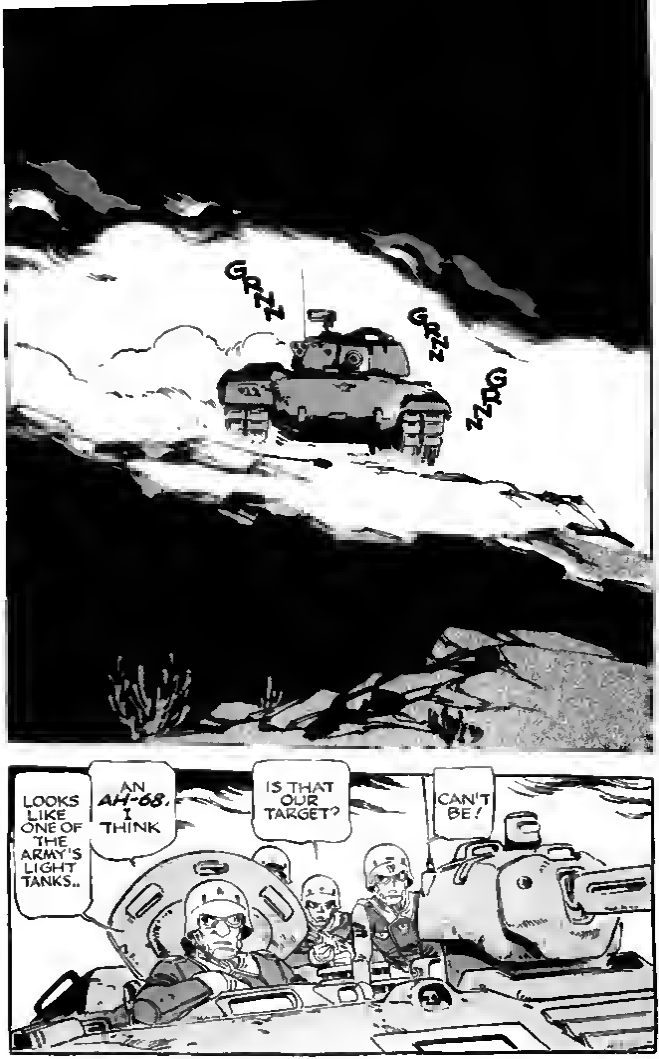
"SATURN"...?
CURRENTLY, THAT WOULD BE TO THE SOUTHWEST
IT'S AN OLD TERRAN ART--A TYPE OF ASTROLOGY--
--CALLED KIGAKU
I'VE BEEN AMUSING MYSELF WITH IT LATELY.
...
OH DEAR, HAVE I BEEN BORING YOU?
DO FORGIVE ME
I'M VERY CONCERNED, YOU KNOW, ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF OUR PLAN.
AND WHEN I'M WORRIED--THAT'S WHEN I FIND MYSELF DRAWN TO ANCIENT FORMS OF KNOWLEDGE
ELIMINATING WALDEMAR WILL BE EASY
THE PROBLEM IS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.
I TRUST NOTHING HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED IN OUR STRATEGY?
WE'VE GOTTEN INSIDE THROUGH THE BACK DOOR..
I BELIEVE--
NO...
LET'S SAY I'M ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN
...AND WE'VE GOT TWO, THREE BACKUP PLANS...


WELL, WELL, WELL, MAJOR RADO!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE MADE YOURSELF QUITE AT HOME ON THE GENERAL STAFF.
MY, YOUR FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT...
DO...
...DO YOU ENJOY BEING SARCASTIC?

THAT'S STRANGE...
WASN'T THERE S'POSED TO BE A PRACTICE TARGET AT BRAVO?
.....
NO!!
ANYWAY, THERE'S NO REASON TO HANG AROUND HERE...
LET'S MOVE ON TO CHAR-LIE...
...?
IF WE DO THAT, GETTING HERE FIRST WILL HAVE MEANT NOTHING!
THERE HAS TO BE A TARGET HERE!
I WON'T LET US MOVE ON UNTIL WE'VE MADE SOME MARK AT THE FIRING POINT!

DON'T MAKE DECISIONS FOR ME, SERGEANT!
I'M THE ONE IN COMMAND OF THIS SQUAD!
THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT...
..YOU'RE STILL JUST A GREENHO--
SERGEANT!!
7
I'LL HAVE NONE OF THAT TALK!
EVEN IF I LACK EXPERIENCE, EVEN IF I'M A CADET.
...I'M STILL A COMMISSIONED OFFICER!
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO UNDERMINE MY AUTHORITY...
OKAY, OKAY...
FINE. DO WHAT YOU LIKE... FOR NOW
SEEING AS MAJORITY RULE ISN'T IN FORCE HERE, ANYWAY...

BUT, LISTEN.
IT'S NO BIG DEAL ON A TRAINING EXERCISE FOR THE ELITE GUARDS, OUT IN A FIRING RANGE LIKE THIS...
BUT YOU THINK WE'D GO TO THE FRONT WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU?
NO WAY, JOSE!
IF WE SPENT ALL OUR TIME TRYING TO LOOK GOOD...
WE WOULDN'T LAST LONG
.....
WELL...
I WOULDN'T TAKE COMMAND OF--
HEY, SARGE--
LOOK!
GRRR
GRRR


GRRZZ
GRRZZ
GRZZZ
LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THE ARMY'S LIGHT TANKS..
AN AH-68, I THINK
IS THAT OUR TARGET?
CAN'T BE!

GRNN
THE EMBLEM OF--
--THE SECURITY POLICE!
"WATCH OUT FOR THE SECURITY POLICE."
SERGEANT!
ARE THE SECURITY POLICE SUPPOSED TO BE TRAINING HERE TODAY?
NOT THAT I'VE HEARD.
EVEN IF WE WERE HOLDING JOINT MANEU-VERS...
THEY KNOW HOW RISKY IT IS TO--
THEY'RE FIRING ON US!
BLAM

GRNNNNNN!
CLOSE THE CREW HATCH!
KA-DAG
SER-GEANT!!
TAKE EVA-SIVE ACTION!
SARG--
THEY'LL TRY AGAIN!
SUNNER!
FIRE WHEN READY!
WHA-?
B-BUT
WHAT IF IT'S A MIS-TAKE..
LOAD SABOT ROUNDS!
IT'S NOT!!
IF WE DON'T FIGHT BACK--
WE DIE!!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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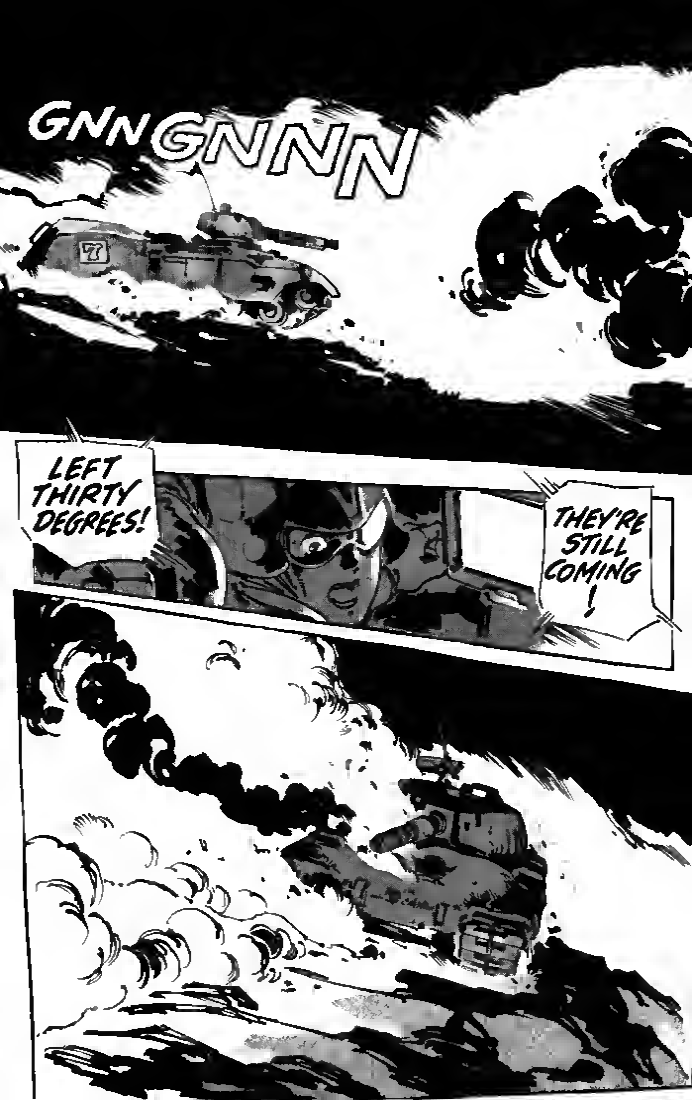

GNNGNNN
LEFT THIRTY DEGREES!
THEY'RE STILL COMING!

WHD
WHRAM
DON'T GIVE UP!
FIRE!!
FIRE!!
BLAM
BLAM

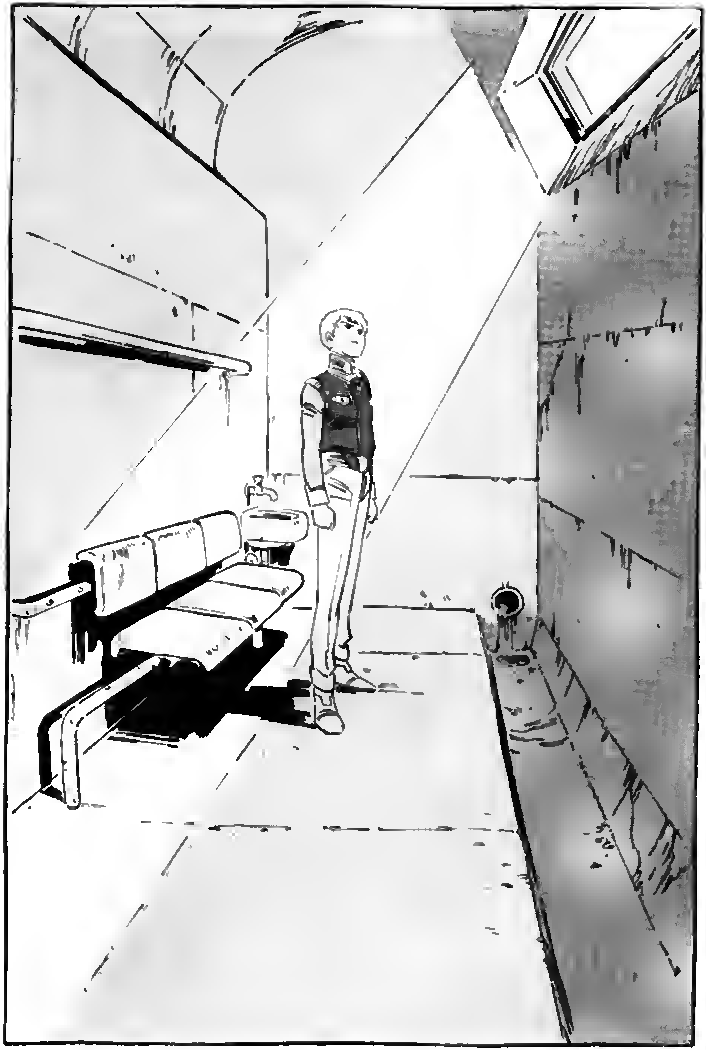
SQUAD 7, SQUAD 7! DO YOU READ?!
HERRG
WHAT HAP-PENED ?!
AN ACCI-DENT ?
COME IN, SQUAD 7 !
KHK
KOFF

THEY WENT AT IT WITH THE SECURITY POLICE ?!
MATT'S SQUAD ?!
THEY SAY THE OTHER SIDE STARTED IT...
WHAT THE HELL FOR ?!
HEY, THERE'S A GAG ORDER IN EFFECT HERE !
YEAH, WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TO ANY-BODY ...
NOT EVEN TO EACH OTHER !
WELL, THE WORD'S AL-READY OUT
WHATEVER ! ANYWAY, THEY'RE AFRAID IT'LL BE GIVEN A POLITICAL SPIN IN THE ELECTION
WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE, huh ?!
SSSS

SSSSSSSSSS
NOK
NOK

I- INTERNAL SECURITY ?
R- REALLY ...?
MATT'S IN THE SHOWER ROOM RIGHT NOW.
I'LL GO GET HIM RIGHT AWAY
!!
INTERNAL SECURITY ?!

NO WAY! I'M NOT GOING!!
JEEZ! GET A GRIP!!
IF THEY GET AHOLD OF ME...
...I'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD!!
NOBODY'S SAYING YOU DID ANYTHING WRONG!
MATT!
I'VE SEEN WHAT..
ONE OF YOUR MEN WAS KILLED!
I WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME THING!!
WHAT YOU DID WAS IN SELF-DEFENSE!
GO-LOOK 'EM SQUARE IN THE EYE, AND TELL 'EM YOU KNOW YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION!
OKAY?!



Kchak
THIS ISN'T FAIR!!
I'M BEING TREATED LIKE I'M GUILTY FROM THE OUTSET!!
IF ANYTHING..
...I'M A VICTIM, NOT A CRIMINAL!
MP
SO WHEN AM I GOING TO BE QUESTIONED, eh?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP ME WAITING HERE?

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE A VICTIM.
?
SIT DOWN
WH
WHY ARE --
SIT DOWN!!
!
.....
PERSONALLY ...
... I CAN'T HELP FEELING SORRY FOR YOU

I KNEW YOUR FATHER WELL
HE WAS A FINE SOLDIER
YOU, TOO, HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL
...
THEREFORE, THIS INCIDENT --
-- IS ALL THE MORE UNFORTUNATE THE TRIBUNAL --
HOLD ON A SECOND!!
IF I'M GOING TO BE CHARGED WITH SOMETHING ...
I DESERVE A CHANCE TO DEFEND MYSELF!
THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH MY ACTIONS.
THE ONES IN THE WRONG ARE THOSE WHO FIRED FIRST..
...THE SECURITY POLICE!!
I KNOW.

!?
HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM IS NOT WHO'S RIGHT AND WHO'S WRONG
WHAT WE MUST CONSIDER--
--ARE THE BROADER CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT
OF COURSE
YOU ARE AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE LEGISLATURE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW ...?
GENERAL WALDEMAR'S HEARING !
WALDEMAR'S SUPPORTERS ...
PARTICULARLY IN THE SECURITY POLICE, ARE EXTREMELY NERVOUS.
EVEN SUPPOSING THIS WERE A FREAK ACCIDENT ...
THE CURRENT SITUATION REQUIRES THAT STRICT BUT APPROPRIATE SANCTIONS BE APPLIED.

SANC-TIONS ?!
WHAT KIND ?!
THEY'LL BE ANNOUNCED..
--IN THE NEAR FUTURE
UNTIL THEN, YOU'LL STAY HERE
DON'T THINK OF YOURSELF AS BEING IN PRISON. THINK OF IT AS PROTECTIVE CUSTODY-- IN CASE OF ANY REPRISAL BY THE SECURITY POLICE
KLIK
Woo
WAIT!!
I NEED TO KNOW MORE !
AND I HAVE TO--
MP
MP
MP
SKRASH
WAIT!
I HAVE TO--

DAMN IT ALL ...
KANG
DAMN
I TELL YOU ...

NEXT, THE CHAIR RECOG-NIZES--
--WITNESS RADO.

HMM
HMM
WHAT HAS BEEN SAID AT THIS HEARING IS TRUE
THE OCCUPATION OF 10 SHOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH EASIER

BY "EASIER"
DO YOU MEAN "FASTER"?!
YES IN ACCORD-ANCE WITH OUR ORIGI-NAL PLAN...
ABOUT TWO WEEKS, TOTAL
GENERAL
DO YOU HAVE ANY RE SPONSE TO THIS CLAIM?
I CERTAINLY DO!!
SURELY NONE OF YOU HAVE FOR-GOTTEN!
I AM THE ONE WHO WON THE WAR! I BROUGHT VICTORY HOME TO THE FATHER-LAND!
BAM

IN FACT ..
..YOU HAVE NO RIGHT--
BAM
--TO SUBJECT ME TO THIS FARCE YOU CALL A HEARING !!
THIS IS A POLI-TICAL CHARADE !!
A HOAX PERPETRATED BY LEBENDORFF TO DIS-CREDIT ME!!
OB-JEC-TION
THE GENERAL'S STATEMENTS BEAR NO RELEVANCE WHATSOEVER TO THE ISSUE.
SUSTAINED
MAY WE CONTINUE -
-- WITH WITNESS RADO S TESTI-MONY?
YOU MAY
Hhmm
OF COURSE, THE IMPRO-PRIETY OF THE STRATEGY--
--IS NOT DEFINED MERELY BY THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TOOK

LET ME GIVE ONE EXAMPLE
...THE SECOND ARMY, UNDER THE COMMAND OF GENERAL RIVERA...
...SUSTAINED SUCH HEAVY CASUALTIES DURING THE ROUTE ONE CAMPAIGN--
--THAT IT WAS NEARLY WIPED OUT!!
DUE TO A SERIOUS MISREADING OF THE FACTS BY HEAD-QUARTERS.
WHAAAAT?!
THIS IS AN IMPOR-TANT POINT, MAJOR
EARLY ON, I WARNED OF THE DANGER OF THE ENEMY'S GUERILLA TACTICS
ARE WE TO UNDER-STAND, THEN...
THAT THE GENERAL DID NOT ACCEPT THIS VIEW?
FOR THE BATTLE ON ROUTE ONE, I PER-SONALLY LED AN AERIAL ATTACK UNIT TO THE FRONT
DID THE WITNESS EXPRESS A DIS-SENTING OPINION AT THAT TIME?
OF COURSE
Hmm
MAJOR
RRRG!

THE SITUATION IN APHRODIA COULD HAVE TURNED INTO A QUAGMIRE!
AND ALL BECAUSE OF THE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC PREDICTIONS OF ASSAULT FORCE HEADQUARTERS!
OUR FINEST YOUNG MEN MIGHT HAVE DIED IN VAIN--
--BY THE THOUSANDS!
I ASK YOU, GENTLEMEN-- IS THIS ACCEPTABLE?!

THOSE ARE BALD-FACED LIES!
HOW MUCH DID LEBENDORFF PAY YOU?!
THOSE REMARKS ARE OUT OF ORDER
STRIKE THEM FROM THE RECORD
GENERAL! PLEASE YOUR HEART!
GET A DOCTOR !!
Mr. CHAIR-MAN! WE NEED A RECESS ...
hahaha hahaha
PLEASE... JUST ANOTHER FEW MOMENTS
I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION FOR WITNESS RADO
YOU'RE A HAND-SOME YOUNG MAN.
AND YOUR RISE TO THE POST OF AIDE-DE-CAMP WAS REMARK-ABLY RAPID
THIS IS ONLY A RUMOR, BUT ONE HEARS IT SAID--
--THAT THE GENERAL HAS A FOND-NESS--
--FOR... YOUNG MEN...

WHAT?!
IS IT...
Heh...
WHY, YOU--!!
THAT'S AN INTERESTING RUMOR...
IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO DENY IT...

HHNNGGGLRRG
WHOK
LOOKS LIKE..
DON'T MOVE HIM!
KEEP HIM STILL!
GEN-ERAL!!
GET HELP!
HURRY!

BRING A STRETCHER! QUICK !!
THERE WILL BE A BRIEF RECESS !!
GENTLE-MEN !
THIS IS AWFUL!

PCHAK
ALL RIGHT, RADOM- GET UP
AFTER EXAMINATION OF THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION, WE FIND THAT ELITE GUARD CADET MATTHEW SIM RADOM--
--IS UNSUITABLE FOR DUTY WITHIN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT. WE THEREFORE ORDER HIS TRANSFER ON THIS DATE TO THE FRONTIER GUARD.

HOWEVER, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS INCIDENT
, THERE SHALL BE NO DEMOTION IN RANK OR OTHER PENALTY IMPOSED.
CHIME
SO WHADDAYA THINK?
ORDINARY ARMY DUDS AIN'T SO BAD, ARE THEY?
LEAVE ME ALONE!!
WE'LL CLEAN UP THE BARRACKS FOR YOU. SO YOU CAN--

LOOK, I TOLD YA-- I CAN'T DO THAT
I'M S'POSED TO SERVE AS YOUR PERSONAL ESCORT
Y' SEE ...
THE BRASS FIGGER YOU'RE IN REAL DANGER, EVEN IF YOU DON'T
?
THE FLAGS ARE AT HALF-MAST ?!
WHAT HAPPENED ?
WHO'S IT FOR ?
Oh, YEAH YOU DON'T KNOW, DO YOU?
GENERAL WALDEMAR KICKED OFF
THEY SAY LEBENDORFF ..
--IS GONNA GIVE THE EULOGY AT HIS FUNERAL TODAY
WHAT A JOKE, huh ?
EVERYONE KNOWS HE HATED WALDEMAR'S GUTS ...

TELEPHONE
HOTEL
STOP THE CAR!!
S--
N- NO WAY!
WHAT TH--!
GODDAMN IT, STOP!!
C-CUT IT OUT, YA MORON!
You'll KILL US!!
SKREEEEE
SKREEEEE

HE WAS MY GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND !
AND THOUGH NOT OF MY PARTY, A MASTER POLI-TICIAN !
A BRILLIANT SOLDIER, WITHOUT WHOM OUR VICTORY OVER APHRODIA--
--WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED !

--A TRULY CRUEL AND SENSELESS FATE HAS BEFALLEN--
FATE DECREED THAT THE DECEASED AND I WERE TO FACE EACH OTHER IN THE ELECTION.
ALL BE-CAUSE--
AND NOW THAT, TOO, IS NOT TO BE.

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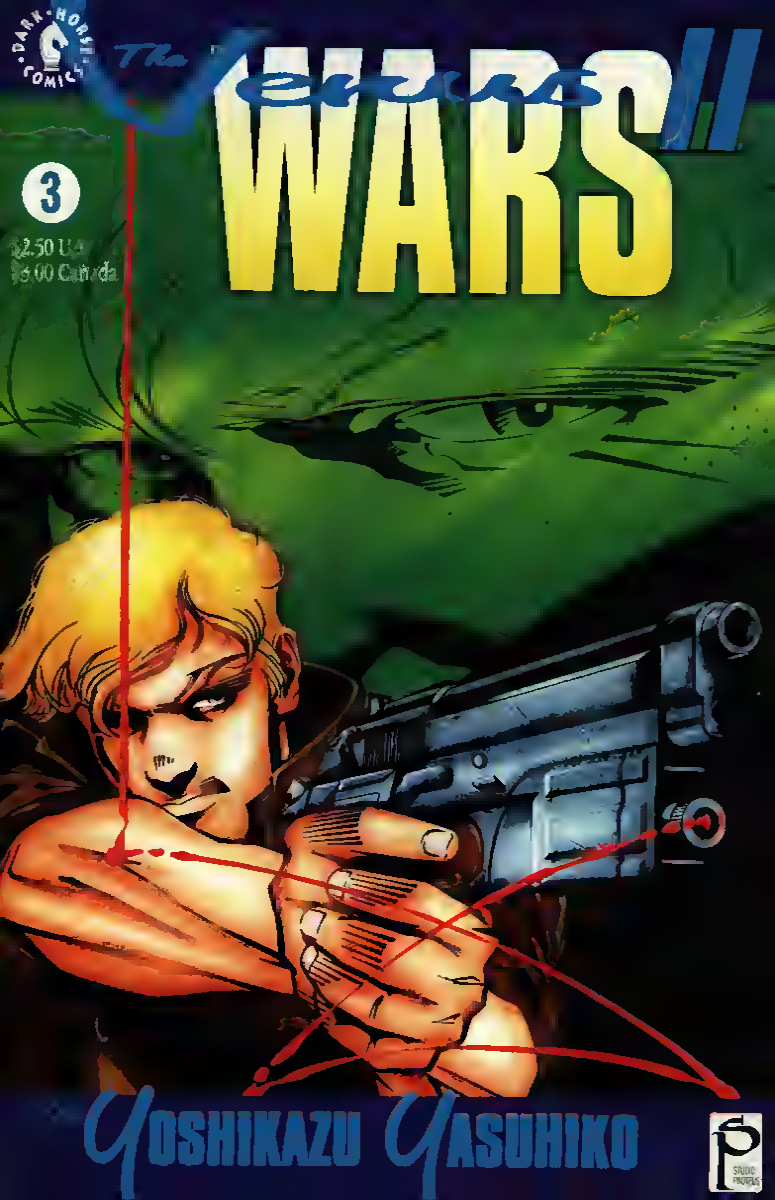
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AAAAAAAAAAAAA!
EEEEE!

HOLD IT!!
DON'T LET THAT MAN GET AWAY!
STOP HIM!!
BLAM

SPAK
SPAK
DON'T KILL HIM!!
WE NEED HIM ALIVE FOR THE INVESTI-GATION!!
BLAM
BLAM

MP
WHA-?
MP
HEH
HEH
BUT...
W--
WHY...?
KLIK
KLIK
BAM!

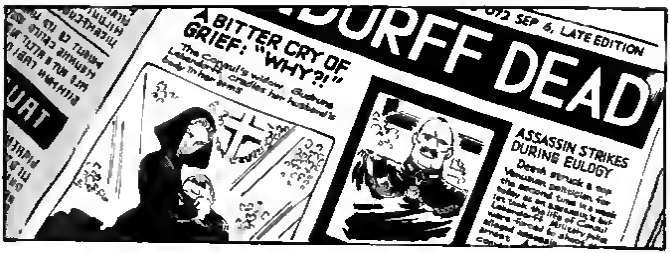
BLAM
BLAM
BRATTTT
SPAK
SPAK

HOW SAD..

WHY WOULD ANYONE DO SUCH A THING..?

WHAT GOOD CAN IT POSSIBLY DO FOR OUR WORLD?

WHAT NEXT?!
MY HUSBAND, YOUR CONSUL...
...IS DEAD!
WHAT MORE CAN THEY WANT?!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DORFF DEAD
BITTER CRY OF GRIEF: "WHY?!"
ASSASSIN STRIKES DURING EULOGY

SHOT DEAD BY MPs
The military has been rocked today by the revelation that yesterday's assassination of Colonel Lebendorff was carried out
by Dar Graham, former member of the Security Police. Graham had recently been dishonourably discharged for unspecified charges

!
MAN, CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
HEY, YOU CHECK OUT LEBENDORFF'S WIDOW?
BOTH OF THE BIG BOYS DEAD...
WHAT TH' HELL'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT?

YEAH, SHE MADE ONE HELLUVA SPEECH FOR SOMEONE WHOSE HUSBAND JUST GOT SHOT...
WOTTA DAME, HUH?
WHO WAS THAT..?
MATT RADOM.
WHO?
THAT WARRANT OFFICER WHO GOT KICKED OUTTA THE GUARDS?
OFFICER'S CLUB
IT'S A CONSPIRACY!
ALL OF IT.!!

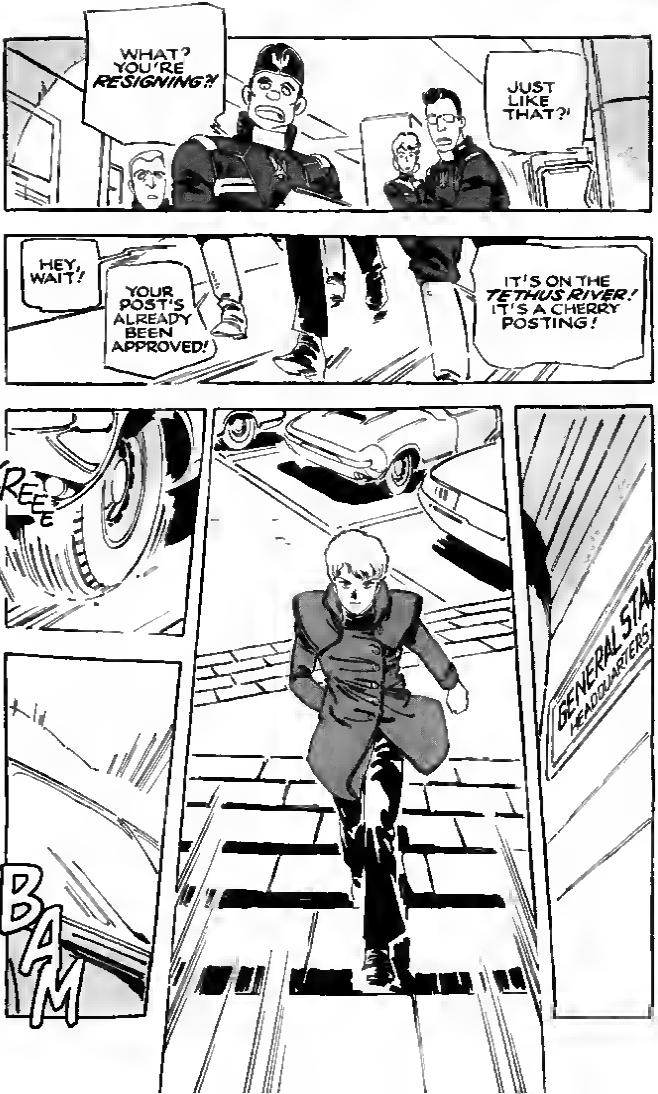
LUISA!
IT'S ME.
SORRY ABOUT THAT...
YOU WERE PROBABLY EXPECTING ONE OF MAJOR RADO'S MO GOONS

WAIT!
I'M ABOUT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BORDER GUARDS-- I CAME TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU.
AND..
FOR ONE OTHER REASON
I... I DID A TERRIBLE THING TO YOU...
BUT...
I COULDN'T HELP IT, MATT..

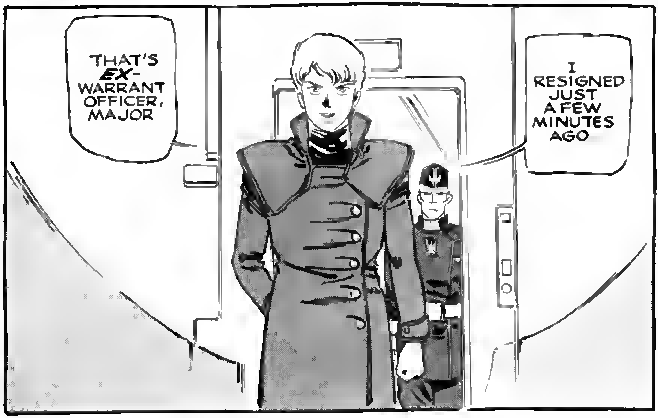
IT'S NO USE.
I... I JUST CAN'T DEFY HIM.
MATTHEW!
I'M BEGGING YOU—
DON'T PURSUE THIS ANY FURTHER!
IF YOU DO...
YOU'LL SURELY BE KILLED.
THAT'S MY CONCERN, NOT YOURS
I'LL FIGHT THAT BASTARD RADO!
HE'S THE WORST KIND OF SCUM!
I'LL EXPOSE HIM FOR WHAT HE IS!
I SWEAR IT!!

DO... DO YOU LOVE HIM?!
WELL, LUISA?
DO YOU?!
YOU OBEY HIS EVERY WHIM-- EVEN THAT CHARADE YOU PUT ME THROUGH.
IS THAT BECAUSE YOU LOVE HIM?!
LOVE..?
NO.
IT'S NOT LOVE...
IT'S CONTROL..
HE CONTROLS ME...
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT HE CAN MAKE ME--
--DO ANY-THING HE WANTS
!

IF THAT'S TRUE..
...THEN I'LL WIN FOR SURE.
.....
EVEN..
EVEN IF--
--HE BECOMES THE CONSUL!
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU, LUISA!
I WON'T LOSE OUT TO THAT BASTARD! I'LL PROTECT YOU, HELP YOU..
!
M--
MATTHEW--!!


WHAT? YOU'RE RESIGNING?!
JUST LIKE THAT?!
HEY, WAIT!
YOUR POST'S ALREADY BEEN APPROVED!
IT'S ON THE TETHUS RIVER! IT'S A CHERRY POSTING!
SKREE
BAM
GENERAL STAF
HEADQUARTERS

OH, IT'S YOU.
THEY SAID YOU WERE A WARRANT OFFICER WITH THE BORDER GUARD, SO IT DIDN'T RING A BELL...
PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.


THAT'S EX-WARRANT OFFICER, MAJOR
I RESIGNED JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO

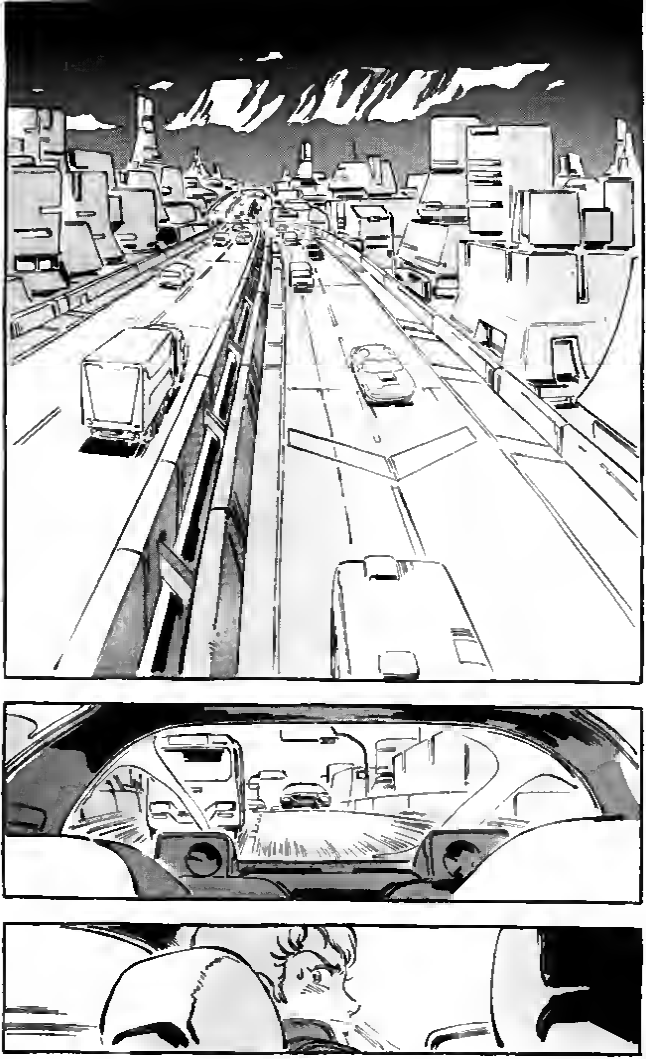
THANKS TO WHICH--
--I CAN NOW SPEAK TO YOU AS AN EQUAL.
YOU RESIGNED?
SUCH A SHAME.
IT MEANS OUR FORCES HAVE LOST AN EXCELLENT OFFICER.
BAM!
YOUR SUSPICIONS ARE QUITE CORRECT.
AND, I MIGHT ADD, THE PART YOU PLAYED WAS EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT.

YOU COULD SAY THAT BOTH SIDES WERE TO BLAME IN THIS AFFAIR.
IT WAS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DISSOLVE BOTH THE ELITE GUARD AND THE SECURITY POLICE
THEY WERE MERELY AGENTS OF THE OLD POWER BLOCS-- THEY SERVED NO BENEFIT TO SOCIETY.
"SOCIETY".. ? WASN'T IT MORE BECAUSE--
--THEY STOOD IN THE WAY OF YOUR RISE TO THE TOP?
THAT'S WHY YOU SET THEM UP, WASN'T IT?
VERY CLEVER-- SET THEM AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS...
...THEN WHATEVER HAPPENED, YOU COULD MAKE IT LOOK AS IF THEIR RIVALRY WAS TO BLAME!
BUT IT WASN'T, WAS IT?!
THE TRUTH IS, IN YOUR DESIRE TO SEIZE POWER...
YOU AND YOUR CRONIES DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ANYONE ELSE!
IT'S DESPICABLE!
YOU'RE SCUM, ALL OF YOU!!

AH.. I SEE
SO... JUST WHAT IS IT YOU WANT, MATTHEW, MY BOY?
....!
TO REDEEM YOUR GOOD NAME? TO HAVE YOUR BORDER GUARDS POSTING CANCELLED?
OR...
LET GO OF LUISA!
LEAVE HER ALONE!
WHEN I MET LUISA, I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT HER INVOLVEMENT WITH YOU!
SO I WAS PERFECT FOR THAT LITTLE FARCE OF YOURS, WASN'T I?!
I WAS COMPLETELY TAKEN IN!
BUT NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO PLAY THE FOOL!

HEH
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA HA!
WHAT?!
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!
"LET HER GO"...? WHAT AN AMUSING REQUEST! HA HA HA
ST...
STOP LAUGH-ING!!
VERY WELL, THEN
HEH HEH
...SHE IS YOURS
"DO AS YOU WISH, BOY--
"IF SHE'LL LET YOU, THAT IS!"

BRMMMMM
BRMMMM
SKREE



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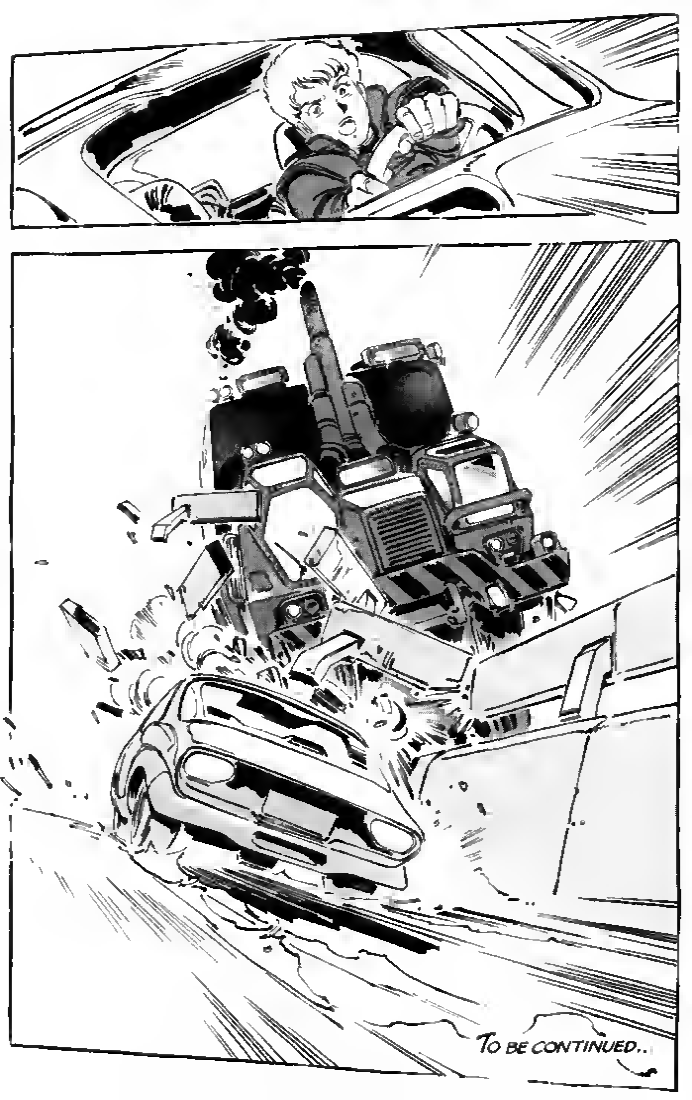
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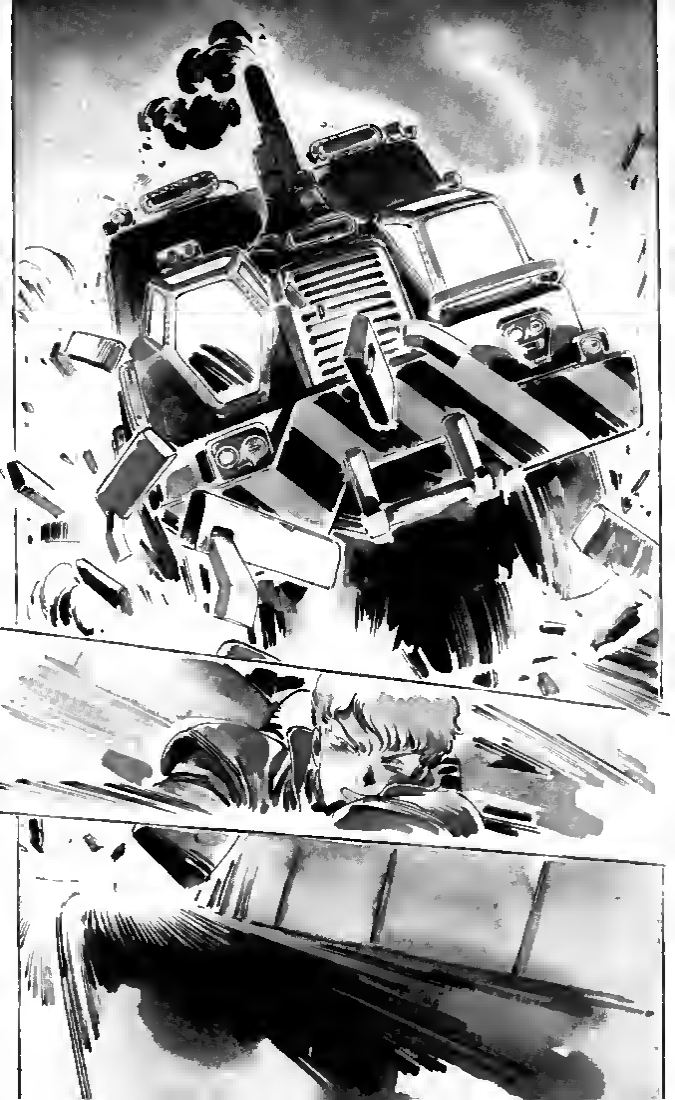
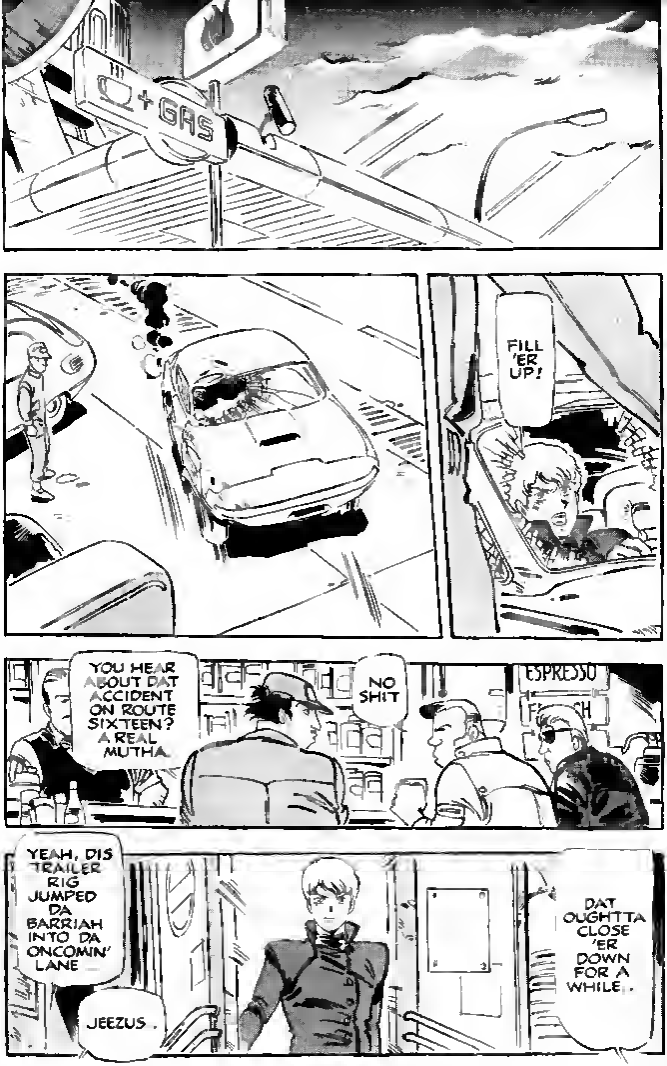


SKREEEE

SKRASSH


GAS
FILL 'ER UP!
YOU HEAR ABOUT DAT ACCIDENT ON ROUTE SIXTEEN? A REAL MUTHA.
NO SHIT
ESPRESSO
YEAH, DIS TRAILER RIG JUMPED DA BARRIAH INTO DA ONCOMIN' LANE.
JEEZUS.
DAT OUGHTTA CLOSE 'ER DOWN FOR A WHILE.

ESPRESSO
FRENCH
MOC
WHEWW..
COFFEE BLACK
AND MAKE IT REAL HOT..
DAMMIT.
THAT BASTARD RADO!
NOW HE WANTS ME DEAD..
SKREEK
WELL...
..I'M NOT GIVING UP!
KTAK

HE CAN COUNT ON THAT!
IF THAT'S THE WAY HE WANTS TO PLAY.
HE'LL FIND THAT TWO CAN--
TAP
GULP
GAKK!
YAIEE
YEEEEEK
I-ICE WATER...
OOPS!
SORRY ABOUT THAT--
DID I SURPRISE YOU?
ESPRESSO
FRENCH
MOCHA
BEER

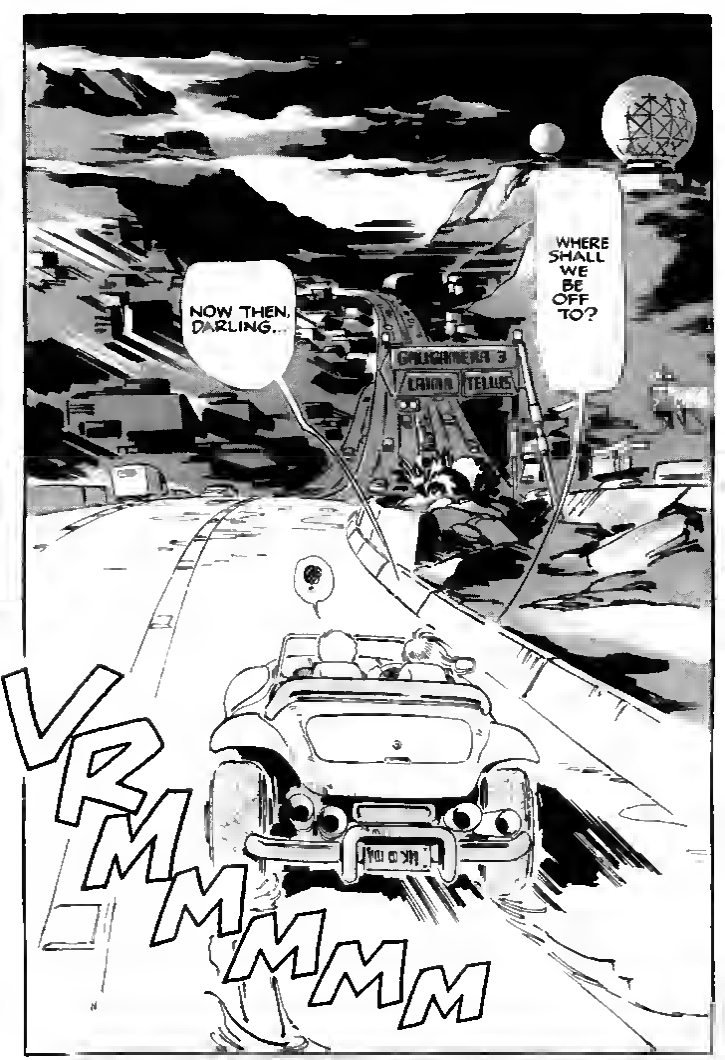
W-WHO ARE YOU?!
HKK!-
LUPICA!
LUPICA RACHININA!
??
"LUPICA"...?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
HMPH!
OH, WELL... THAT FIGURES.
IT WAS EIGHT YEARS AGO. OUR DESKS WERE NEXT TO EACH OTHER--
--AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIXTY-SEVEN, IN THE URUK DISTRICT.
I SAW YOU THROUGH THE WINDOW WHILE I WAS GETTING A FILL-UP.
I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED FAMILIAR...
...AND I WAS RIGHT!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?
IN URUK...
ELEMENTARY '67
TEACHERRR!
36-12=
x2=18
MARCO'S EATING ALREADY!
I WANT MORE SOUP!
WAAH! SOMEONE PUT AN ERASER IN MINE!
I HATE ONIONS!
UH OH...
HEY, IF YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, NO BIG DEAL... WE WERE CLASSMATES FOR ONLY TWO YEARS.
YOU WERE A GOOD KID... SMART, TOO. YOU SKIPPED A GRADE, THEN TRANSFERRED INTO THAT MILITARY PREP.
FORGET YOUR LIGHT PEN?
THAT'S OKAY-- USE MINE
OUR WORLDS WERE TOO FAR APART AFTER THAT, I GUESS
LAST I HEARD, YOU'D GONE ON TO OFFICER'S SCHOOL..
YOU...YOU
BOOGERS

NYAAAH!
LUPICA'S GOT A BOYYY-FRIEND!!
HEY, MISTER! MEDIUM GINGER ALE!
WEOOW
WEOOW
GAS + CAFE
ATTENTION! ROUTE 16 IS CLOSED DUE TO AN ACCIDENT!
INBOUND VEHICLES, TAKE THE NEXT EXIT AND USE ROUTE 14!
NOW I RE-MEMBER YOU, LUPICA
BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AND DON'T TELL ME IT'S JUST COINCI-DENCE!
Huh?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

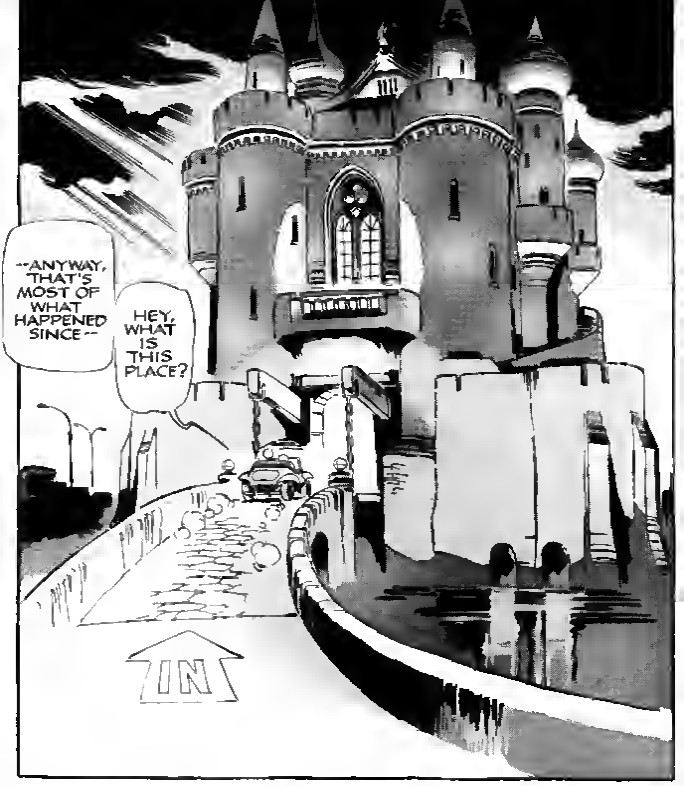
KTAK
HEY!
WAIT UP!
MISTER!
FORGET THE SODA!
GAS
WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T WE HAVE A DRINK TOGETHER JUST FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE..?
FORGET IT!
I'M NOT INTERESTED!
IF YOU WANT A DRINKING BUDDY, I'M SURE YOU'VE GOT PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM!
PERSONALLY, I'VE GOT NO TIME FOR SMALL TALK!
SLAM
'SCUSE ME, MAC...

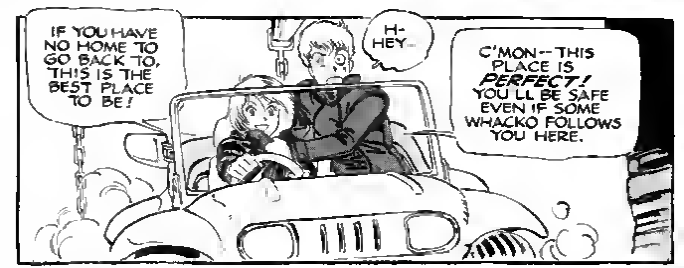
I DUNNO WHAT YOU DID TO YER CAR ..
BUT IT'S LEAKIN' OIL SOMETHIN' FIERCE
YEAH, AN' YER TRANS-MISSION'S SMASHED T' RATSHIT
. . . .
HEH HEH


WHERE SHALL WE BE OFF TO?
NOW THEN, DARLING...
VRMMMMMM

ARMY BARRACKS?
NO PROBLEM!
NO POINT IN GOING BACK THERE...
I JUST RESIGNED.
GEEZ, THAT'S A SHAME! BEING AN OFFICER REALLY SUITED YOU..
LOOK, LUPICA...
WHO SENT YOU?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
STOP PLAY-ING DUMB!!
I WAS TOO SHOOK UP TO REALIZE IT UNTIL JUST NOW..
..BUT THAT TRUCK WASN'T TRYING TO KILL ME.
IT WAS TRYING TO STOP THESE GUYS WHO WERE TAILING ME.
OTHER-WISE ..

...I WOULDN'T BE ALIVE NOW...
WHAT ARE YOU MUTTERING ABOUT?
TALKING TO YOURSELF IS A SIGN OF--
LUPICA!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!!
WHO SENT YOU?! TELL ME!!
EEK!
YOU DUMMY! CUT IT OUT!!
SKREEE


--ANYWAY, THAT'S MOST OF WHAT HAPPENED SINCE--
HEY, WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
IN


IF YOU HAVE NO HOME TO GO BACK TO, THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO BE!
H-HEY--
C'MON-- THIS PLACE IS PERFECT! YOU'LL BE SAFE EVEN IF SOME WHACKO FOLLOWS YOU HERE.

LOVE PALACE
THINK ABOUT IT!
SEE...
...THEY ONLY LET COUPLES IN!
B-BUT...
COME IN! COME IN! OUR FINE HOTELS WELCOMES THE PATRONAGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES!
AND WE HAVE A VARIETY OF LOVELY ACCOMMODATIONS THE ROMAN BATHS SUITE, THE PLAYBOY ROOM, THE TORTURE CHAMBER..
EVERY ONE OF THEM A PERFECT REPRODUCTION--
--OF THE REAL THING BACK ON TERRA.
YECCH!
ER... UH...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SINGLE ROOMS HERE?
SINGLE ROOMS? WHATEVER FOR?
WOW! THIS IS GORGEOUS!
THEY REALLY PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO STAY AT ONE OF THESE LOVE HOTELS!
SO...
...DONCHA THINK IT'S A PRETTY CLEVER IDEA, COMING HERE?
FWMP
HMPH!
YOU JUST--
KLIK
--WANTED TO SHOCK ME!
OOOH.. YES, BABY..
GRUNT!
BARFF...
KLIK
IF YOU WANNA SEE THE NEWS, YOU GOTTA PAY EXTRA... I THINK...
WAIT!
YOU CAN'T LEAVE!
RELAX.
I WON'T TRY TO SEDUCE YOU.
YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE, ANY-WAY...
THE CAR'S MINE, RE-MEMBER?
BESIDES, YOU HAD SOMETHING YOU WANTED TO ASK ME ABOUT, DIDN'T YOU?

IN RESPONSE TO THIS SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS, THE PARLIAMENT HAS VOTED TO CANCEL THE CONSULAR ELECTION, AND OBSERVE A PERIOD OF NATIONAL MOURNING.
IT HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY..
..WHICH HAS EXPRESSED ITS RESOLVE TO PURSUE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND THE ASSASSINATIONS
AND..
..IN ORDER TO OVERCOME OUR GRIEF AND ANY MINOR DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, CONFRON THIS CRISIS, AND FORGE A CONSENSUS OF THE PEOPLE'S WILL...
..A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED TO FORM A JOINT MILITARY-CIVILIAN PROVISIONAL CABINET FOR NATIONAL UNITY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WIDOW GUDRUNE LEBENDORFF.
BEFORE THIS VOTE TOOK PLACE, MRS LEBENDORFF MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT AND THE NATION...
.....
SPOILED BY OUR EASY VICTORIES, WE NOW FIND OURSELVES DIVIDED BY SELF-INTEREST, COMPETING FOR GLORY--WE MUST STEM THIS TIDE OF DECADENCE THAT THREATENS TO ENGULF OUR NATION!!
THE DEATH OF MY HUSBAND, CONSUL LEBENDORFF, HAS CAUSED ME DEEP SADNESS... BUT I BELIFVE IT IS ALSO A WARNING OF GRAVEST IMPORT! A WARNING WE MUST HEED AND LEARN FROM AS WE FORGE AHEAD WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH!!

TURN IT OFF.
YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR POLITICS.
YOU ALWAYS WERE A PERFECTIONIST.
WANTING EVERYTHING NEAT AND TIDY...
"YOU USED TO TAKE FOREVER JUST WASHING YOUR HANDS..."
MATTHEW!
THAT'S ENOUGH! COME HERE THIS MINUTE!
I THINK EVEN THE SMELL OF DIRT—
--BOTHERED YOU...
ENOUGH!!
THIS IS IMPORTANT! I'LL THANK YOU TO SHUT THE HELL UP!!
...
HMPH!

"OF COURSE, I AM NOT SPEAKING OF THE FUTURE OF THE NATION OF ISHTAR ALONE! WE MUST ADVANCE WITH VIGOR AND COURAGE, OUR EYES FIXED FIRMLY ON THE FUTURE OF VENUS AS A WHOLE!
"LET US CAST ASIDE ALL PETTY CONCERNS, GRUDGES, AND DISPUTES! TOGETHER WE SHALL OVERCOME ALL ADVERSITY, ALL OBSTACLES IN OUR WAY!!"
NNNN
ZZZ
NNN
NNNN

ZZZZZZ
ZZZ

KSSSSHHHH
SKREEK

NOK NOK

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KLIK
NOK
NOK

ZAOW!
ZAOW!
ZAOW!
?!
KEEP QUIET!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN!
!
THIS WAS YOUR LITTLE PLAN ALL ALONG, WASN'T IT?!
WHO IS THAT?!
COME ON-- WHO IS THAT OUT THERE?!
KNOK
KNOK
KNOK
FORGET IT, THEN!
LET 'EM IN! BUT DON'T TRY ANYTHING DUMB!
KNOK

Y-YOU'RE WRONG..
I DIDN'T--
I SAID FORGET IT!
KNOCK
KNOCK
WHO IS IT?!
IS WARRANT OFFICER RADOM IN THERE?
N-NO...
JUST MY BOY-FRIEND--

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WH
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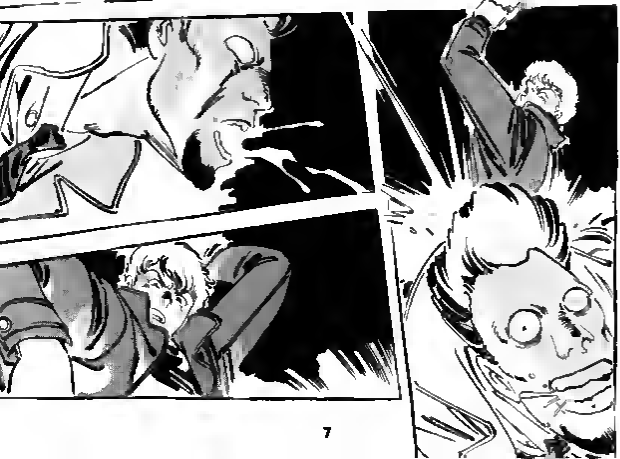


STOP IT!!

YOU'RE WORKING FOR RADO, RIGHT?!
TALK!
WHY THE HELL ARE YOU HERE?

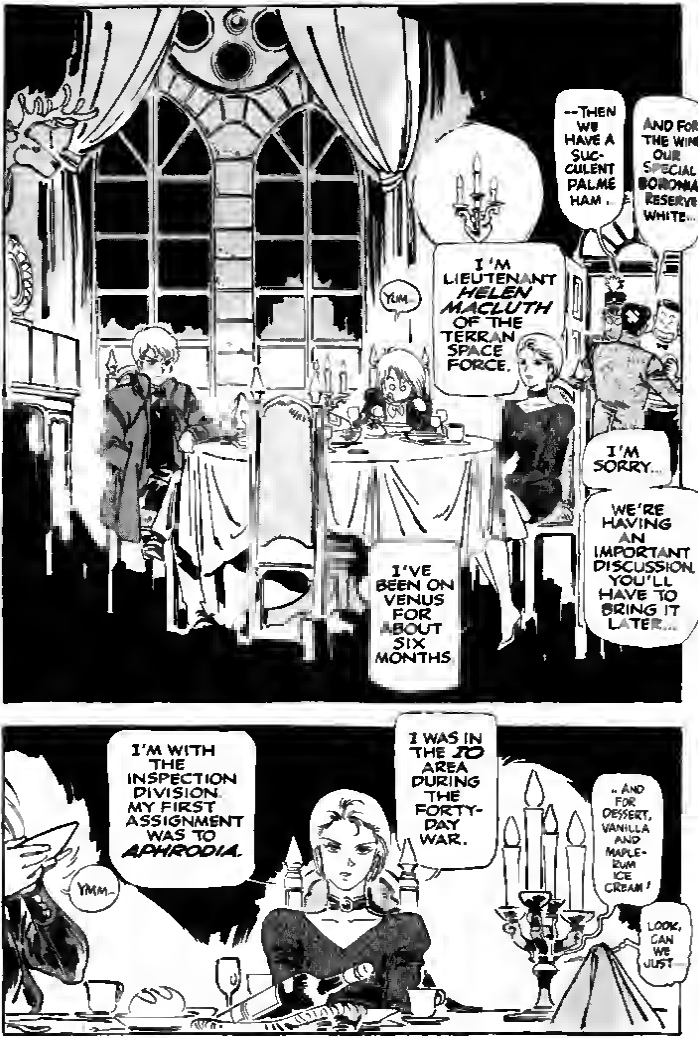
D-DAMMIT...
WOMAN OR NOT...
YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!!
!
FWAP
HYAA!

WOW
SKRASH
HEY, YOU KNOW JUDO?!
!
UNGH...

はい?

HUH!
WHADDYA KNOW--A DISGUISE!
I THOUGHT SO..
YOU'RE NOT JUST ANOTHER PRETTY FACE, EH...?
SO JUST WHO ARE YOU?!
THE COPS? MPS? WELL?!
EEYAA
AAGH!
W-W-WH-W-W-W-WH--
WH... WH...
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING IN HERE!?!

J-JUST WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT THIS?!
¿ALL LIES...
OUR FURNISHINGS ARE VERY EXPENSIVE!! THEY'RE ALL ANTIQUES! OF G-GREAT HISTORICAL VALUE!
TH-THEY'RE IRREPLACABLE!! H-HOW DO YOU EXPECT...
Uh...
SPACE FORCE
MILITARY SCRIP!!
FROM TERRA..!
WHATEVER IT COSTS..
GEE2... THE SPACE FORCE.
..WE'LL COVER IT.
THE SPACE FORCE?!
MATTHEW! LUPICA!
I WISH TO HAVE A LONG TALK, WITH BOTH OF YOU.


--THEN WE HAVE A SUCCULENT PALME HAM.
AND FOR THE WINE, OUR SPECIAL BORDONAN RESERVE WHITE...
I'M LIEUTENANT HELEN MACLUTH OF THE TERRAN SPACE FORCE.
YUM.
I'M SORRY... WE'RE HAVING AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. YOU'LL HAVE TO BRING IT LATER...
I'VE BEEN ON VENUS FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS.
I'M WITH THE INSPECTION DIVISION. MY FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS TO APHRODIA.
YMM...
I WAS IN THE 30 AREA DURING THE FORTY-DAY WAR.
.. AND FOR DESSERT, VANILLA AND MAPLE-RUM ICE CREAM!
LOOK, CAN WE JUST...

BUT FROM THE OUTSET, OUR MAIN CONCERN WAS WITH ISHTAR.
WE ACTUALLY WANTED TO COME HERE EARLIER.
BUT THE WAR--
--PREVENTED US FROM DOING SO.
SO...? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME, INSPECTOR?
LEMME TELL YOU SOMETHING--
I'VE RESIGNED. I'M NOT A SOLDIER ANYMORE.
YUMMY NOMS.
I KNOW THAT.
SO, FORMER OFFICER RADOM...
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU--
JEEZUS BUNCHA CRETINS.
CONCERING THE INVOLVEMENT OF MAJOR RADO OF THE GENERAL STAFF IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT LEBENDORFF.
SO
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT...?

HUH... DUNNO WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
OH...ONE MORE THING...LT. FERREOLA OF THE PAYMASTER'S OFFICE--
?!
KAAAA
WE'RE IN LUCK!
ONE REAL CHINA COFFEE CUP, PLUS CARPET CLEANING COSTS
BEEP
BEEP
RIGHT.. PLUS TWENTY PERCENT...
THAT'S ENOUGH !!
WHAT DOES LUISA HAVE TO DO WITH YOU, INSPECTOR?!

NOW THAT ISHTAR HAS WON THE WAR, ITS NEXT MOVE IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO US
WILL IT KEEP ITS PACT WITH TERRA? THE ANSWER LIES WITH GUDRUNE LEERENDORFF AND RADO'S GENERAL STAFF
AND,
.....
JUST AS YOU ARE, MATTHEW.
WE ALSO KNOW THAT FERREOLA IS RADO'S CAT'S-PAW SHE IS PRIVY TO A VERY IMPORTANT SECRET...
FORGET IT
THAT TRICK WON'T WORK ON ME

WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU ANYTHING?!
I'M JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE HERE-- I CAN'T STAND TERRANS!
EVERYONE IN ISHTAR FEELS THE SAME WAY--
WE WANT TO GROW POWERFUL AND RICH SO WE CAN SPIT IN TERRA'S FACE SOME DAY!
AND THAT'S HOW I FEEL, TOO
SORRY TO DISAP-POINT YOU!
VERY WELL, THEN
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO LIKE TERRA
BUT IF SOME-THING ISN'T DONE, YOU'LL BE KILLED!
YOU AND LUISA BOTH! DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?!
YESTER-DAY, ON THE HIGHWAY,
"...WE WERE THE ONES WHO SAVED YOU
" OUR METHODS MAY HAVE BEEN A BIT CRUDE...
BUT WE SQUASHED THE ASSASSIN'S CAR FLAT."

THEN, WITH THE HELP OF YOUR FRIEND LUPICA, WE ARRANGED TO MEET YOU HERE..
B-BUT...
HEY! THAT'S A TOTAL CROCK!!
YOU CAME UP TO ME IN THAT STUPID WIG AND ASKED ME TO PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH MATTHEW..
AND I TOLD YOU TO TAKE OFF, DIDN'T I?!?
I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH--
?!
KNOW WHAT THIS IS? A TINY TRANS-MITTER.
YOU MAY HAVE REFUSED, BUT YOU LED US HERE ANYWAY
SNIK
HUH???

OF ALL THE DIRTY...
I OUGHTA...
IT'S A SIMPLE TRICK.
CHILD'S PLAY COMPARED TO RADO'S METHODS
YOU CAN'T FIGHT MAJOR RADO AND HIS ORGANIZATION!! YOU'RE NOT READY FOR THAT YET, MATTHEW.
WE DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE-- YOU OR LUISA.
SO..
HAPH!
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, INSPECTOR.
I MAY HAVE RESIGNED, BUT I WAS A SOLDIER OF ISHTAR!
YOU EXPECT ME TO HELP THE LIKES OF THE TERRAN SPACE FORCE?
MATTHEW!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
YOU CAN QUIT TAILING ME NOW!
K
L
K
TA-DAA!!
THE MAIN COURSE. FILÉ MIGNON
D-DAMN
THE WINE SAUCE IS RICH WITH BLACK TRUFFLES..
MY, LOOKS DELICIOUS
AW, C'MON MATT! LET'S SPLIT AFTER WE EAT.
OKAAY
♫
THE KID--
DEELISH!
TRY SOME!
MMMM!
NICE!
I SEE THEM BOTH...
--AND THE WOMAN...
!
GOOD..
KCHAK

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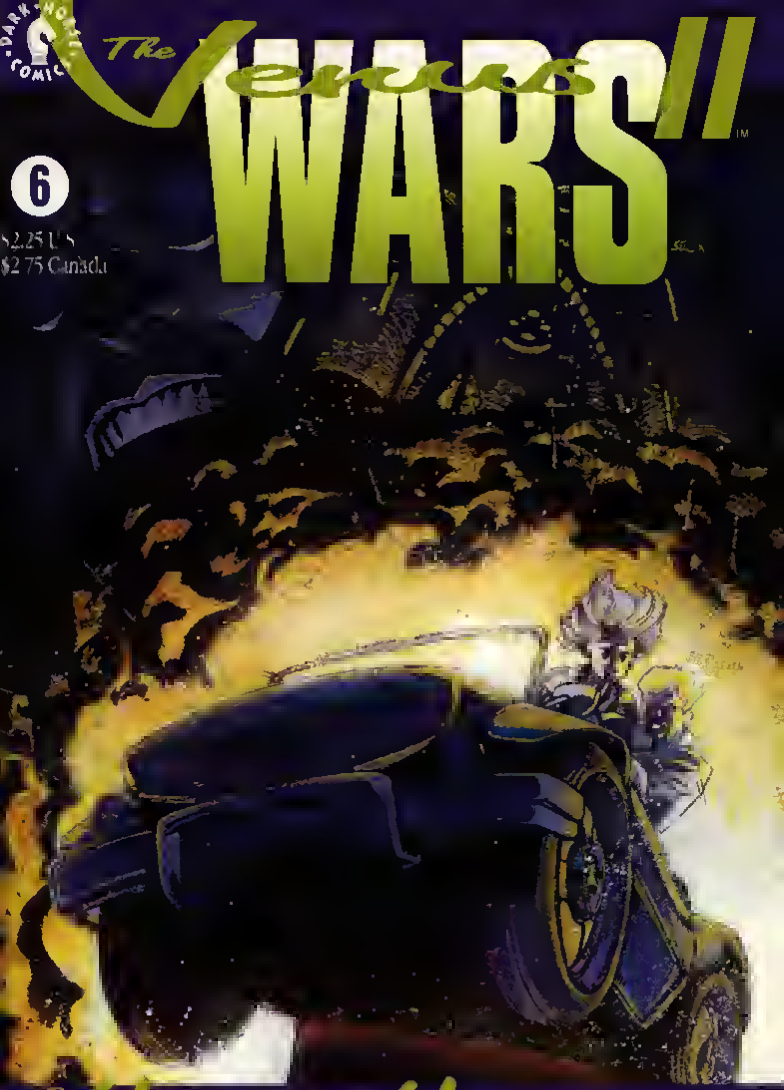

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STUDIO PROTEUS

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YUM
YUM
EEW
URK WOTTA DISGUSTING CLOSE-UP
'EY, MAPPHEW-- Y' OUGH'A TRY THITH--
GLP
MNCH
JEEZUS
'S GUB..!
MRLLY!
MNCH
GLP
LUPICA!
IT'S BAD MANNERS TO TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL, YOU KNOW!
AW, WHO'S WORRIED ABOUT MANNERS!
C'MON!
JUST A BITE!
.....
C'MON, COME ON!
OPEN WIDE! SAY AAAHHH!
AAAHHH!
AAHHH!
AH?!

MATTHEW!!!

HUH?!
SHIT!
BOMF
WHAM
?

BKoo
oom
YOU GET 'EM?!
UH..
I THINK SO...
koff
WAAAHH! WHAT THE HELL?!

AND NOW...
THE PIÈCE DE RÉSISTANCE— DESSERT!
?
SORRY!
WE'RE STUFFED!
?
LOVELY MEAL!
?
RMBRMB
LET'S SEE...
WHAT DO WE BILL THEM FOR FIRST?
S...
SNFF...
SOB...

GOOD THING THAT TABLE WAS REAL MAHOG-ANY..
GEEZ, THEY SURE PLAY DIRTY!
I MEAN, REEEALY!
I WASN'T EVEN FULL YET..
RAISE THE DRAWBRIDGE!
MATT!
WHAT'S THE HUBBUB?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS CRAP?! AREN'T YOU GONNA GO OUT AND FIGHT 'EM?!
IT'S NOTHING FOLKS MOVE ALONG
NO POINT IN GOING OUT AFTER THEM!!
THEY'RE COMING IN!
KCHK
CHANK
!!

SKRRR
HEY, LOOK!!
DAMN IT!
SCREWED UP AGAIN, EH?!
LUPICA!
EH?!
LET'S GO!!
YOU COVER THE REAR!!
ALL RIGHT!!
NO, NO! GET BACK INSIDE! YOU'LL BE HURT!!
VRRRMMM

SCREEE
MATTHEW!
THE DRAW-BRIDGE!! IT'S--
VR-MMM

VAROOM
RATES

SKRA-SSSH

SHIT!!
SPAK
SPAK
BKAM BKAM
SCREEEEEE
?!
THIS IS SOOO COOL!
BKAM
HEE HEE!
HUH?
WHATCHA LOOKIN' AT?

NO, I THINK YOU'VE DONE QUITE ENOUGH!
RETURN TO BASE AND WAIT FOR FURTHER ORDERS.
CHING
....

WELL, MY MEN BLEW IT
THEY LET YOUR DARLING BOYFRIEND GET AWAY.
HAPPY NOW?
THEN SMILE!
WHY THE SAD FACE?
HE GETS TO LIVE A LITTLE BIT LONGER
YOU SHOULD BE ECSTATIC
SMAK

HE'S JUST A BABY.
I WASN'T PLANNING TO DISPOSE OF HIM-- NOT AT FIRST.
THE REASON IT'S COME TO THIS, LUISA...
...IS BECAUSE OF YOUR STUPID BLUNDER!
I-I DIDN'T TELL HIM ANYTH--
SHUT UP!
HE'S IN POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS INFORMATION.
AND IT'S YOUR FAULT.
....
YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES, LUISA.

ONE IS TO KILL MATTHEW YOURSELF
NO!
I CAN'T!!
HMPH...
VERY WELL.
BUT REMEMBER...
THERE'S NO ORDER FROM ME THAT YOU WON'T OBEY
IF I TELL YOU TO DO SOMETHING, YOU'LL DO IT.
THAT'S JUST THE WAY YOU ARE.
AM I RIGHT?
LUISA!
STAND UP!
STAND
....

STOP PLAYING THE PATHETIC MARTYR.
YOUR JUVENILE INFATUATIONS HAVE ONLY BROUGHT MISERY TO OTHERS.
TAKE OFF YOUR UNIFORM.
WHAT IS LOVE?
CAN YOU TELL ME, LUISA?
IS IT SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL THAT YOU CHOOSE OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL?
YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT LOVE WOULD BE LIKE WITH THAT YOUNG BRAT?
TAKE IT OFF!!
DO YOU RESENT ME? YOU SHOULDN'T
THE PROBLEM ISN'T ME IT'S YOUR OWN NATURE.

YOUR BODY, YOUR SOUL, WISH TO BE DOMINATED. I'M ONLY COMPLYING WITH THEIR WISHES...
OH, AND BY THE WAY...
THAT OTHER CHOICE I WAS TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S SIMPLY THIS...

I SEE NO GROUNDS FOR YOUR FEARS
YOUR IMAGINATION IS RUNNING AWAY WITH YOU, LT. MACLUTH.
TERRAN SPACE FORCE (VENUS)
EVEN SUPPOSING THEY WERE TRUE, SPREADING SUCH RUMORS--
--WOULD ONLY CAUSE NEEDLESS UNREST AMONG THE MILITARY AND CIVILIANS OF ISHTAR.
STILL I'LL GO AHEAD AND FILE A REPORT WITH THE DIRECTOR
BY THE WAY,
....
WE RECEIVED A RATHER EXORBITANT BILL FROM ONE OF THOSE, AHH... "LOVE HOTELS."
EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF INVESTIGATION HAVE YOU BEEN CONDUCTING, LT. MACLUTH..?
SIR! I BELIEVE THE SITUATION--
--IS CRITICAL
WE MUST STEP UP OUR EFFORTS--
--AND DEAL WITH THE DANGER POSED BY THE RADO FACTION.

MAJOR RADO WILL DEFINITELY LAUNCH A COUP D'ETAT! HE HAS THE SUPPORT OF GUDRUNE LEBENDORFF...
...AND WE CAN EXPECT THEM TO MOVE AGAINST TERRA NEXT!
THEY'RE ALREADY DEVELOPING NUCLEAR AND SPACE WEAPONRY--
BEEP BEEP
YES?
SOMEONE'S HERE TO SEE YOU, LIEUTENANT
HER NAME IS LUISA FERREOLA.
SHE SAYS IT'S URGENT...
LUISA!
SO ANYWAY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE RADICAL ELEMENT.
WE'RE KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON--
SLAM!
HM?
LIEU-TEN-ANT??
??

LUISA!!
EXIT
WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE!
I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE YOU HERE!
WE HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT!
SHALL WE GO TO MY OFFICE?

I'VE WANTED VERY MUCH TO MEET YOU...
LT. PERREOLA.
BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE.
GUESS IT'S LIKE THEY SAY-- "ALL THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT."
YOU KNOW, I SAW MATTHEW TOO!
JUST YESTER-DAY!
!
WE HAD DINNER TOGETHER.
HA HA...
AT A VERY UNUSUAL PLACE..

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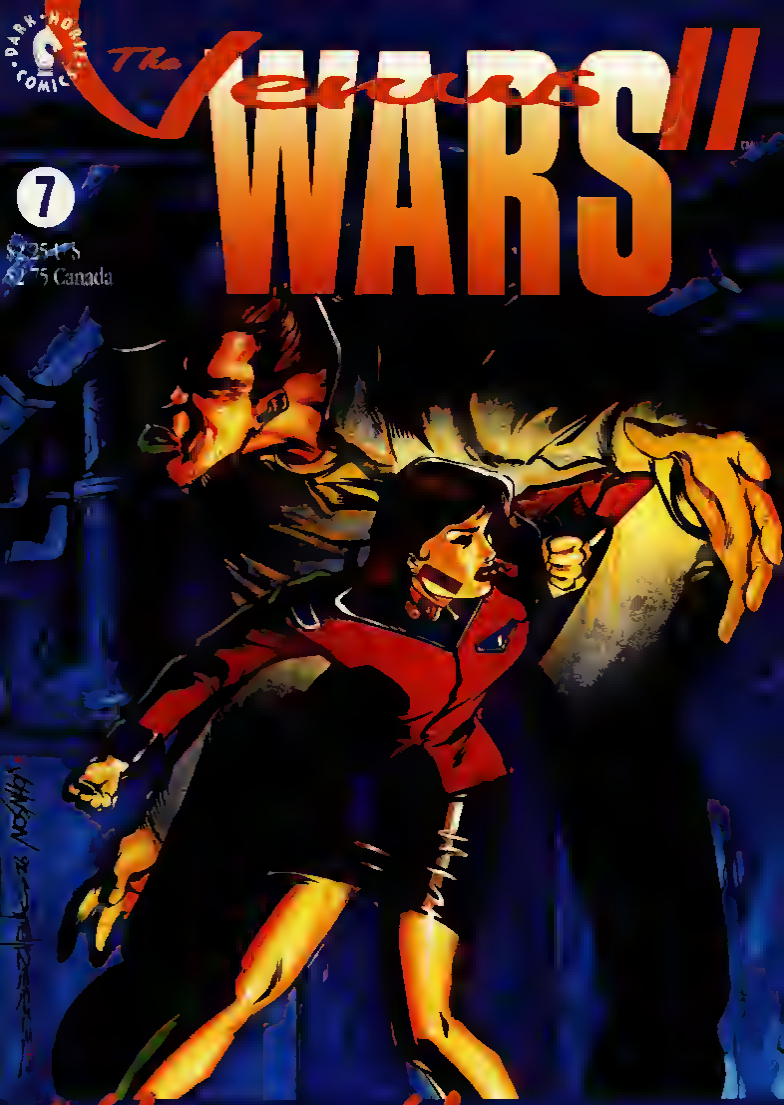

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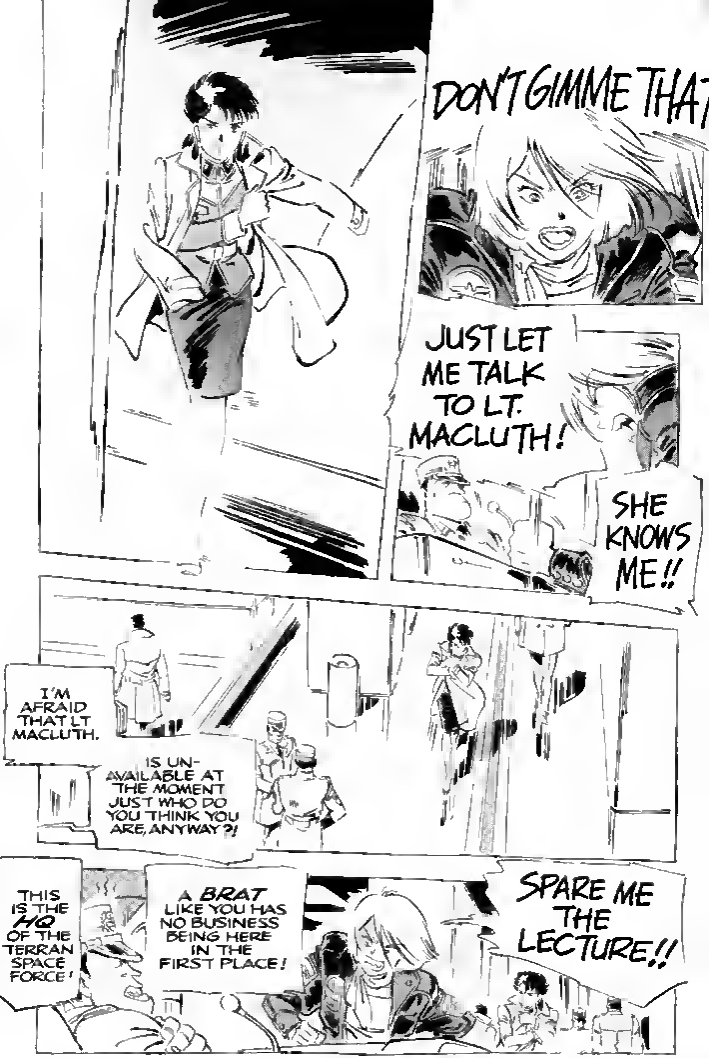
THE CRIMES WARS II

I JUST CAN'T STAND BY--
--WHILE AN INNOCENT KID LIKE THAT--
--IS USED AS A PAWN IN A POWER STRUGGLE.
:HAHH:
WE NEED YOUR HELP, TOO...
THAT IS...

IF YOU'RE WILLING--
KYAA
Oops!
WHOO

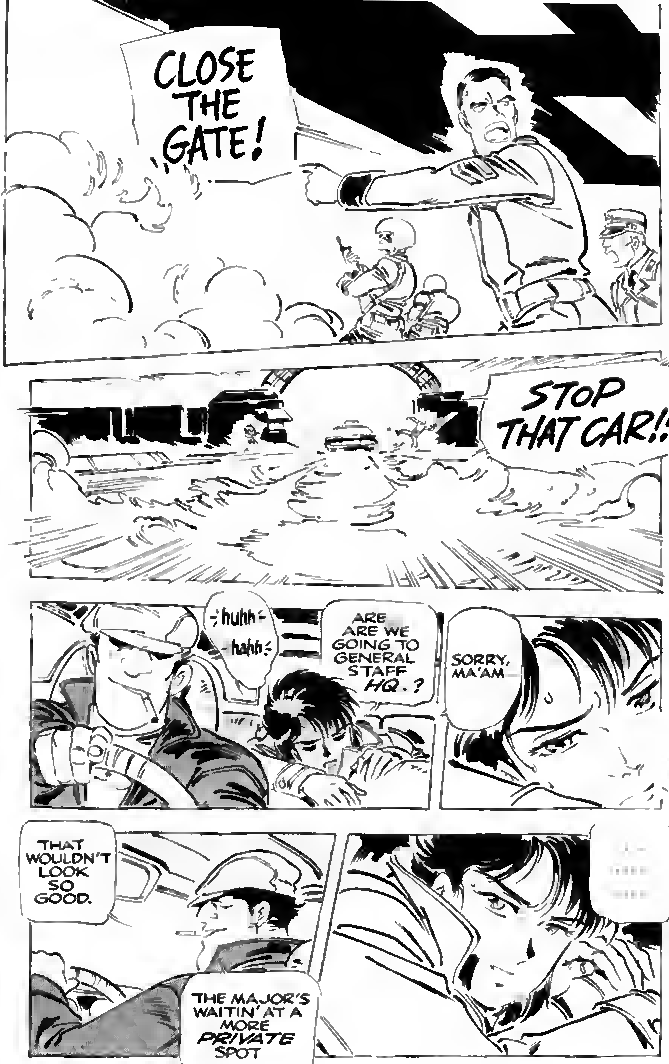
PHUT
FWIT
HUH..?!
HEY-- YOU OKAY?
!!
PHUT PHUT

LUISA!
S-STOP--!
PHUT
PHUT
PHUT


DON'T GIMME THAT
JUST LET ME TALK TO LT. MACLUTH!
SHE KNOWS ME!!
I'M AFRAID THAT LT MACLUTH.
IS UN-AVAILABLE AT THE MOMENT JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, ANYWAY?!
THIS IS THE HQ OF THE TERRAN SPACE FORCE!
A BRAT LIKE YOU HAS NO BUSINESS BEING HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
SPARE ME THE LECTURE!!

MY MY GOD!
WHAT TH--
WHAT KINDA ARMY IS THIS, ANYWAY?! WHERE DID YOU GUYS GET THE IDEA THAT YOU CAN JUST USE PEOPLE ANY WAY YOU WANT?!
LEMME TALK TO HER, DAMMIT!!
OOF
WHDD
!
GET HELP!
WE NEED A MEDIC, NOW!

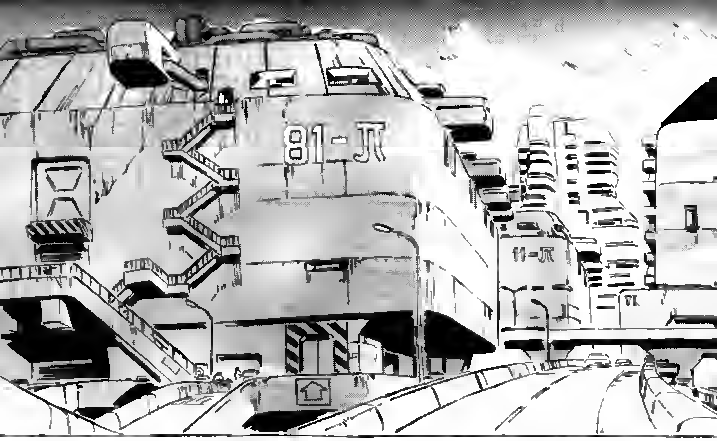
LT. MACLUTH--
--HAS BEEN SHOT!!
SCREEEEEEE
VRMMMM


CLOSE THE GATE!
STOP THAT CAR!!
;huhh-
-hahh;
ARE ARE WE GOING TO GENERAL STAFF HQ.?
SORRY, MA'AM
THAT WOULDN'T LOOK SO GOOD.
THE MAJOR'S WAITIN' AT A MORE PRIVATE SPOT

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
SECTOR

UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES
KEEP OUT
VRRMMM
VRRMMM

BRMM
BRMMM
SHIT!
THIS LOOKS NASTY...
DEFINITELY NASTY...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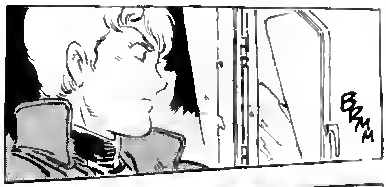
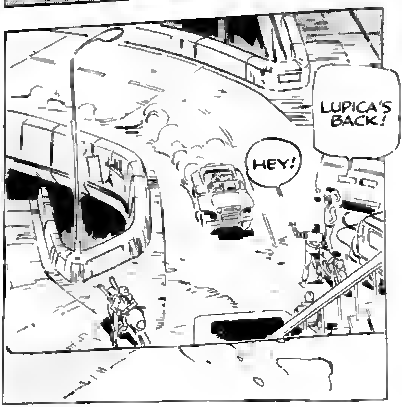

BRMM


LUPICA'S BACK!
HEY!

HEY BABE! HOW D IT GO? BRING US BACK ANY SOUVENIRS?
WHATCHA GET OUTTA THAT LADY LIEUTENANT, HUH?
OH, NO! DON'T TELL ME LITTLE OL' LUPICA GOT THE COLD SHOULDER!
SHOVE IT, YOU--
--YOU PIGS!
PIGS?
KCHAK

HEY!
YOU'RE BACK!
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU.
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP, BUT I'M GONNA TAKE OFF.
I'LL HANDLE THINGS BY MYSELF FROM NOW ON.

LOOK... LUPICA...
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!
I REALLY APPRECIATED YOUR HELP... HIDING ME HERE AND ALL...
BUT IT'S NOT FOR ME
AND, LUPICA--
--WE MIGHT'VE BEEN FRIENDS WHEN WE WERE GROWING UP TOGETHER, BUT NOW WE ARE TOO DIFFERENT.
TOO MUCH WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE...
WE'VE GROWN UP THINKING DIFFERENTLY, LIVING DIFFERENTLY...
...WITH DIFFERENT GOALS IN LIFE...
IDIOT
PRETTY IMPRESSED WITH YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?
WELL, LEMME TELL YA SOMETHING-- THAT STUPID GIRL, YOUR DARLING LUISA--
THEY'RE GONNA KILL HER!!

WHY DID THE MAJOR CHOOSE THIS PLACE...?
IT SEEMS STRANGE
AW HEY, YOU KNOW THE MAJOR.
HE'S A BIG SHOT, EH?
GOTTA BE REAL CAREFUL.
HEH, HEH
HN?
YO.
YEAH, WE'RE HERE
WHAT'S THE FREAKIN' HOLDUP? IT'S GETTING LATE.
THE LADY'S TIRED OF WAITING.
ME TOO.

.....
...I SEE.
SO WHADDA YA WANT ME TO--
OKAY... OKAY... GOTCHA
.....
.....
.....
HEH...
HEH HEH HEH...
SHE'S A PRETTY ONE... GONNA BE A SHAME...
...
RIGHT.
....
GOTCHA
EH HEH..

SORRY, MA'AM...
BEEN A CHANGE OF PLANS.
SEEMS THE MAJOR'S WAITIN' SOMEWHERE ELSE.
OKAY, DEAR
LET'S GO--

KA
WILL

HRNK
OOOOH!
WHRAKK
KRAK
ED

KANG
AA...
AAHH
=hff=
=hahh=
!

THAT GIRL!
HMPH! SHE'S A COMPLETE IDIOT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE THESE ARMY BRASS--OR WHOEVER THEY ARE--WOULD JUST USE HER, THEN TOSS HER ASIDE LIKE SO MUCH GARBAGE!
WHAT A NAIVE CHILD!
HAH! MAKES ME LAUGH!
LUPICA!

TELL ME-- PLEASE!
WHERE IS SHE?!
WHERE'D THEY TAKE HER?!
HUH...
FIGURED THAT'S HOW YOU'D REACT.
LUPICA!
DON'T GET ALL BENT OUTTA SHAPE--
--I'LL TELL YOU.
I'LL EVEN HELP YOU.
I'LL HELP RESCUE YOUR INNOCENT LITTLE PRINCESS.
HEH...
STRANGE, ISN'T IT...?

IT'S NOT LIKE I EVER PARTICULARLY CARED FOR YOU...
MOSTLY I THOUGHT YOU DESERVED A GOOD HARD KICK IN THE BUTT FROM REALITY SOMEDAY...
STILL, SOMEHOW I COULDN'T HELP WATCHING YOU FROM A DISTANCE...
WITH ALL YOUR BIG TALK AND HOLIER-THAN-THOU BULL-SHIT..
...AND WORRYING ABOUT YOU.
I DUNNO WHAT YOU'D CALL THOSE KIND OF FEELINGS...
MAYBE LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, EVEN, EH?
BUT NOW'S WHEN IT REALLY GETS HOT!
LIFE OR DEATH... LOVE OR TRAGEDY!
BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING--
--IT SURE AS HELL AIN'T LOVE!
GREAT SOAP OPERA, DON'CHA THINK?!
YOUR.
YOUR STUPID CRUSH ON THAT EQUALLY STUPID LUISA--NOW THAT'S LOVE!!

YOU ARE GONNA GO..
AREN'T YOU?
I CAN'T WAIT!
C'MON!
SHOW ME WHAT TRUE LOVE'S ALL ABOUT!
KYAA!
FWUMP
GETTH
EH HEH.
HI THERE

START CYCLO-PROPANE, DOCTOR
M-MATTHEW..
THEY'LL KILL LUISA..
H-HURRY...

BRMMMM
SON OF A BITCH! SHE ESCAPED!
SHE COULDN'T HAVE GONE DOWN!
GO UP!
SEARCH UPSTAIRS!

VRBRMMM
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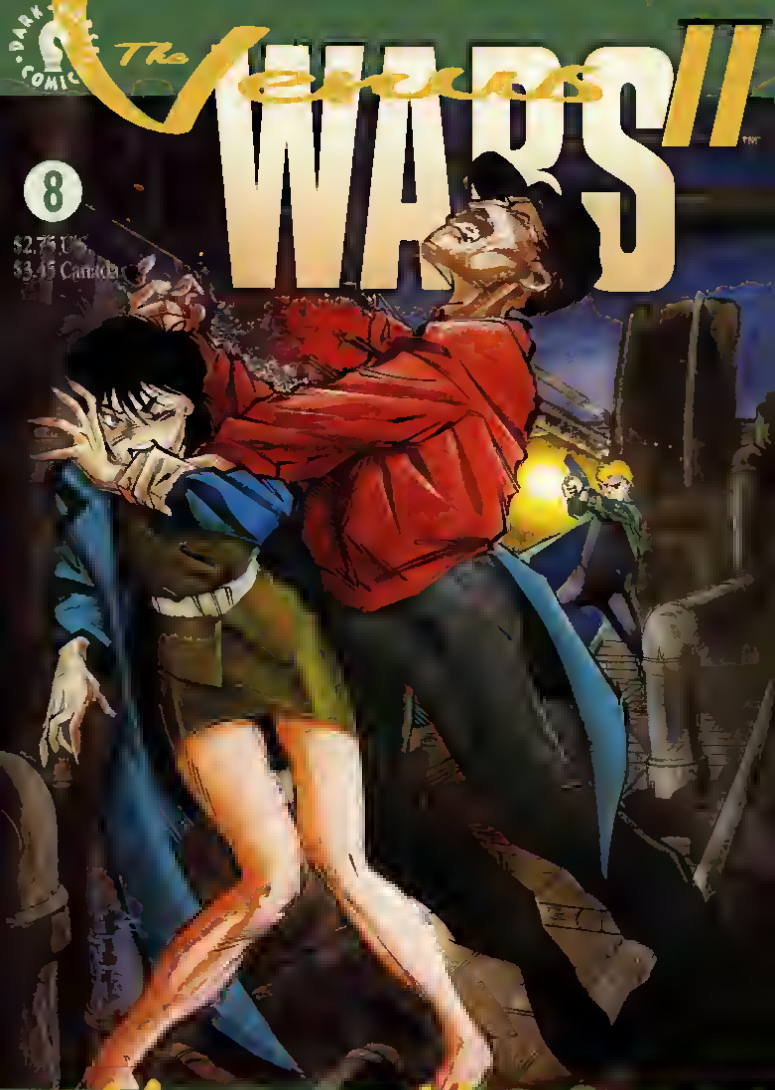

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THE ROSE OF VERSAILLES WARS II

VRMMMM

NO ENTR

BLAM
SPAK
BLAM
KUH
THAK
CHAK
WHUD

STAGGA
WHB
!

SPAT
HEH, HEH...

VRMMMM
YEE-HAW!
YAHOO!
UP AHEAD!
WHUD TH' FUG?
?
KWHUD

GET 'EM ALL!
THEY'RE JUST GOONS THE STINKIN' MPs HIRED!
STOMP 'EM!!
THYAAH!
huff!
hahh!
SHE'S HEADING FOR THE ROOF!
USE THE FIRE ESCAPE STAIRS AND CUT HER OFF!
Uhh!
-hahh-

huhh
huff
heh
BLAM
FORGET IT! YOU AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE!

HEH HEH
DON'T BLAME US, DEAR.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SCREWED UP.
BY FALLING FOR THAT ICE-COLD 508.
!
SHIT!

BLAM!

BLAM
MATT!
WATCH OUT!!

SPANGG
WHY, YOU...!
BLAM BLAM
LUPICA, GET DOWN!
HUP!
WHOOP!
WHOA!
PAK-PAK-PAK

HEY, NOT BAD!
SPRTTH
WHADDA YOU EXPECT?
VCHAK
I'VE GOT A CLASS-MARKS-MAN BADGE Y'KNOW
MATTHEW!
IS THAT YOU?!
HANG ON, LUISA!
I'M COM-ING!
DON'T MOVE!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK

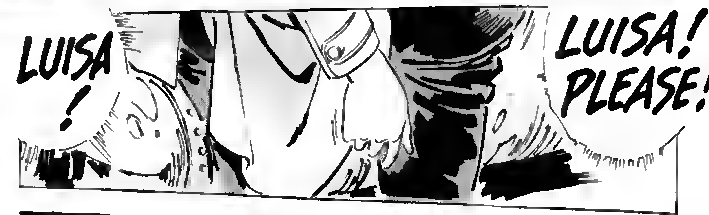
!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

YES!
RIGHT ON!
MATTHEW!

AROW
WWW

YOU BASTARD!!

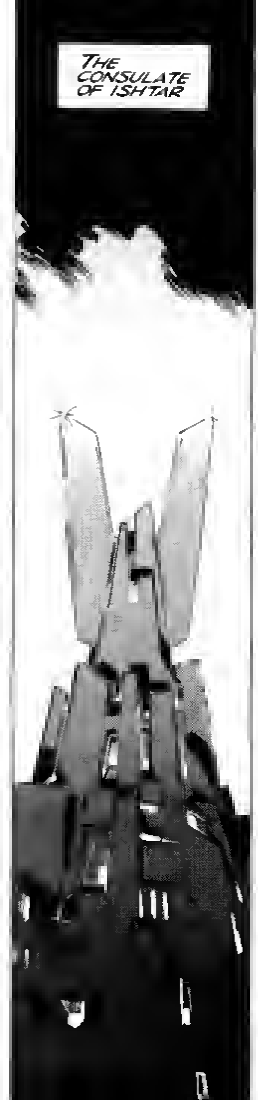
BLAM
KPOW
SPANGGG


LUISA!
LUISA! PLEASE!

J-JUST HANG ON! YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!!
HELP'S COMING!!

ATTHEW
I'M SORRY
D-DON'T CRY
I'VE BEEN
SO VERY
FOOLISH

Nooooo!!


THE CONSULATE OF ISHTAR

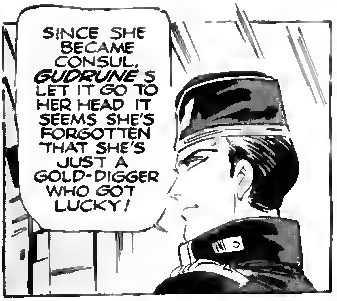
WHAT HAPPENED, RADO?
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU
YOU CERTAINLY CHOSE AN...
...UNFORTUNATE WAY TO SILENCE A TERRAN INSPECTOR

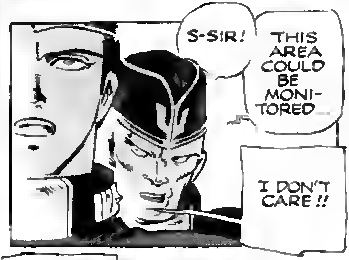
NOW THERE'S A PROTEST FROM THE TERRANS, THE MEDIA'S GOING CRAZY...
YOU PRACTICALLY HANDED IT TO THEM ON A PLATTER!

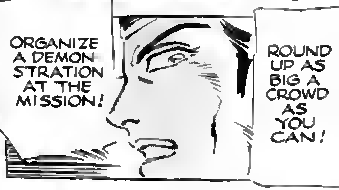
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT YOU TAKE THESE RIDICULOUS PROTESTS AND RUMORS
AT FACE VALUE
OH?
AND HOW SHOULD I TAKE THEM?
THE SHOOTING OF INSPECTOR MACLUTH BY LT FERREOLA WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A LOVER'S QUARREL
THEY WERE PART OF A LOVE TRIANGLE WITH AN EX-ELITE GUARDS CADET NAMED RADOM
I HAVE EVIDENCE THAT MACLUTH MET RADOM FOR A SECRET TRYST AT A MOTEL
WHEN FERREOLA LEARNED OF THIS SHE BECAME HYSTERICAL AND SHOT THE INSPECTOR
HMPH!
THIS IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE MESS-HALL GOSSIP
FINE THEN I DON'T NEED TO HEAR ANY MORE OF IT
HOWEVER
YOU STILL HAVE TO CONVINCE THE PUBLIC THAT THAT'S THE REAL STORY

WILL THAT BE A PROBLEM...
MAJOR RADO?
NOT AT ALL
I'VE ALREADY LAID THE GROUND-WORK.
REALLY .
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL--WE CAN USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE TO SMASH THE TERRAN MISSION!
THEY COULDN'T HELP RISING TO THE BAIT! NOW WE'LL TEACH THEM A LESSON!
THEY'LL FIND OUT WHO REALLY RULES VENUS!

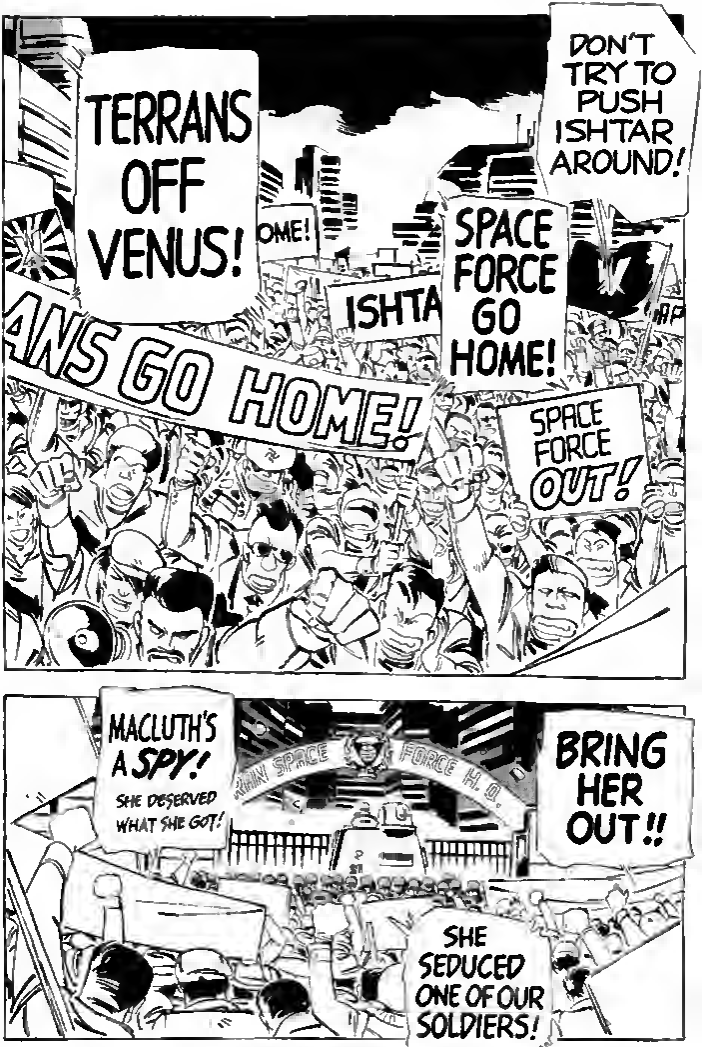
THE GAUGAMERA GARRISON SAYS THEY'RE READY TO MOVE ANY TIME
WHAT'S THE RESPONSE FROM THE OTHER UNITS?
AND--
--GENERAL KARNOV IS FINALLY COMING AROUND.
EXCELLENT!
VRRRRRRR


SINCE SHE BECAME CONSUL, GUDRUNE'S LET IT GO TO HER HEAD IT SEEMS SHE'S FORGOTTEN THAT SHE'S JUST A GOLD-DIGGER WHO GOT LUCKY!


S-SIR!
THIS AREA COULD BE MONI-TORED
I DON'T CARE!!


ORGANIZE A DEMON STRATION AT THE MISSION!
ROUND UP AS BIG A CROWD AS YOU CAN!

DON'T SKIMP ON THE EXPENSE-- I CAN PAY WHATEVER IS NECESSARY
Y-YES SIR.
VRUUUU


TERRANS OFF VENUS!
OME!
ISHTA
ANS GO HOME!
SPACE FORCE GO HOME!
DON'T TRY TO PUSH ISHTAR AROUND!
SPACE FORCE OUT!
MACLUTH'S A SPY!
SHE DESERVED WHAT SHE GOT!
SPACE FORCE H.Q.
BRING HER OUT!!
SHE SEDUCED ONE OF OUR SOLDIERS!

BAD NEWS
H-HEY
Y'FIGGER WE'RE STUCK HERE?!
KILL! KILL!
SO LUISA'S SAFE...
I'M SO GLAD
THANK YOU, MATT LUPICA...

I... I HOPE YOU FORGIVE ME...
I WAS A LITTLE TOO... PUSHY
WHAT I DID WAS UNFAIR...
TO YOU AND TO LUISA...
I'M SURE—
--SHE DOESN'T REALLY KNOW ANY-THING...
TEN-HUT!!

WE ARE NOW UNDER THE DIRECT COMMAND OF THE GENERAL STAFF!
IN VIEW OF THE CRISIS AT HAND, WE, THE GAUGAMERA GARRISON, MUST MAINTAIN THE SECURITY OF THE CAPITAL WITH RENEWED VIGILANCE!!
OUR DUTY IS TO RID THE CAPITAL OF THE TROUBLEMAKERS WHO THREATEN THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS... AND TO FREE THEM FROM THE ARROGANT MEDDLING OF THE TERRAN MISSION!!
EVERY ONE OF YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE ALL IN THIS EFFORT!!

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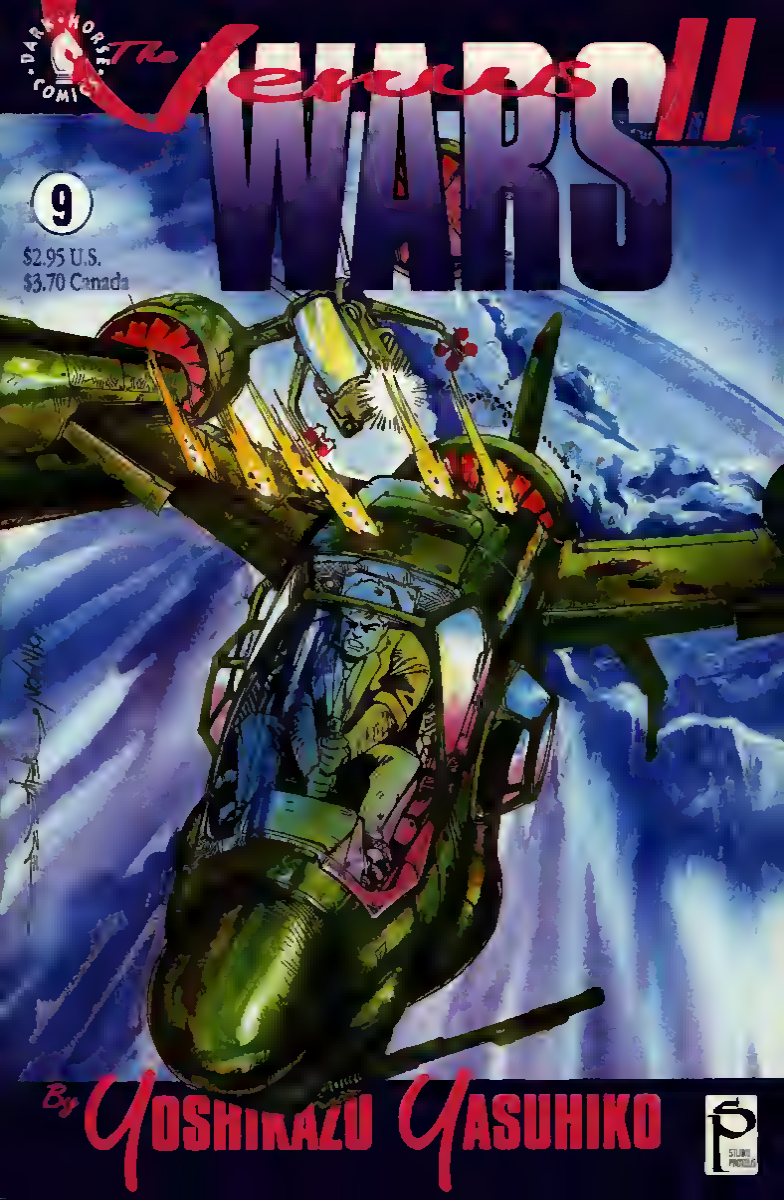
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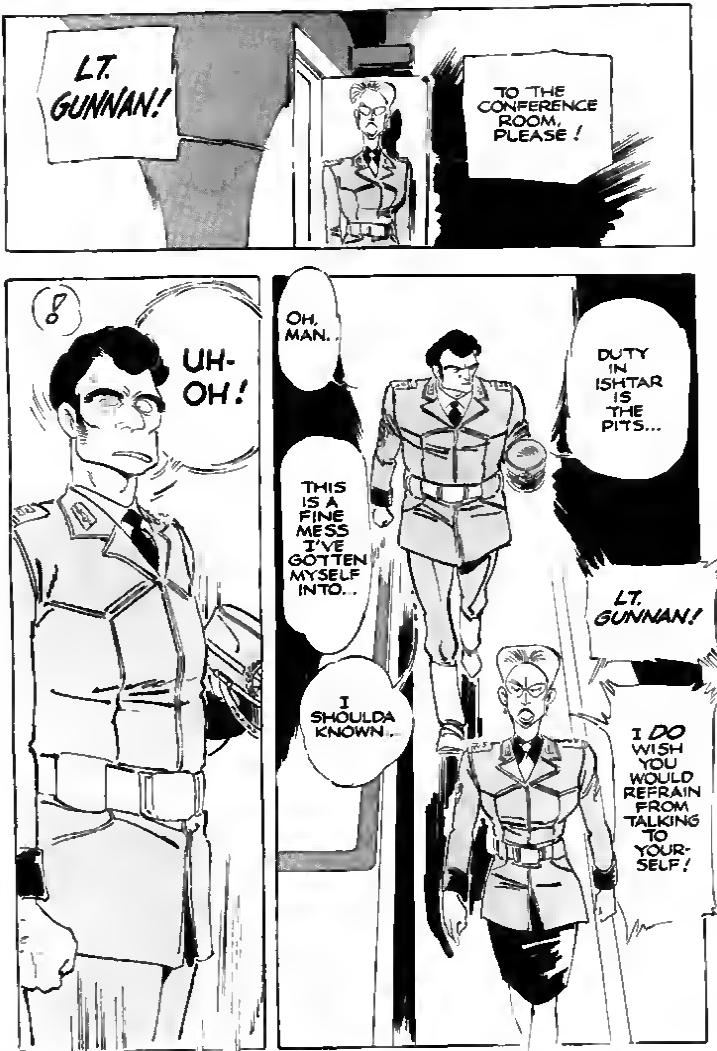
THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS ARE A TOTAL OUTRAGE FOR THE PEOPLE OF VENUS!
TERRA GO HOME
NO!
THE SPYING AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE TERRAN MISSION ARE A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION OF ISHTAR!
THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD FEEL RIGHTEOUS ANGER IS ONLY TO BE EXPECTED!
THE TERRAN MISSION MUST WITHDRAW ITS PROTEST AND APOLOGIZE TO US IMMEDIATELY!

CHAK

THE TERRANS FEAR OUR STRENGTH!!
THEY FEAR THAT ISHTAR WILL UNITE VENUS--
--AND BECOME A POWER TO RIVAL THEIR OWN!
WELL, THEN-- LET US RESPOND TO THEIR FEAR!
ON THE LONELY FRONTIER OF VENUS!
LET US SHOW THEM THE TRUE POWER OF THE CIVILIZATION WE HAVE CREATED HERE--


LT. GUNNAN!
TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM, PLEASE!
?
UH-OH!
OH, MAN..
THIS IS A FINE MESS I'VE GOTTEN MYSELF INTO..
I SHOULDA KNOWN..
DUTY IN ISHTAR IS THE PITS...
LT. GUNNAN!
I DO WISH YOU WOULD REFRAIN FROM TALKING TO YOURSELF!

LOOK, LIEUTENANT, I DON'T MIND BEING CALLED ONTO THE CARPET...
BUT COULD YOU *PLEASE* LET ME SEE LT. MACLUTH? I'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE...
THE DOCTORS AREN'T PERMITTING VISITORS YET!
AND IF I WERE YOU I'D BE WORRYING ABOUT MYSELF!
HUH!
OLD BAG!
IN HERE!
KCHAK!

SIR! LT. SUJAK GUNNAN--
--REPORTING AS ORDERED FROM THE APHRODIA MISSION, SIR!
AT EASE, LIEU-TENANT
WE JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR YOU...
CONCERNING INSPECTOR HELEN MACLUTH. WE UNDERSTAND SHE WAS A COLLEAGUE OF YOURS IN APHRODIA
Y--
--YESSIR!
AS YOU KNOW, THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT AT THIS MISSION, AND THE PUBLIC REACTION TO OUR PROTEST...
HAVE CREATED AN EXTREMELY TENSE SITUATION

WE WANT TO HEAR A CANDID THIRD-PARTY OPINION OF LT MACLUTH.
FROM SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HER WELL
IS THE LIEUTENANT THE TYPE OF WOMAN WHO MIGHT ENGAGE IN ah "INAPPROPRIATE" BEHAVIOR TO ACHIEVE AN OBJECTIVE?
SUCH AS--
--THE SEDUCTION OF A YOUNG MAN TO OBTAIN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION--?
NO WAY!!

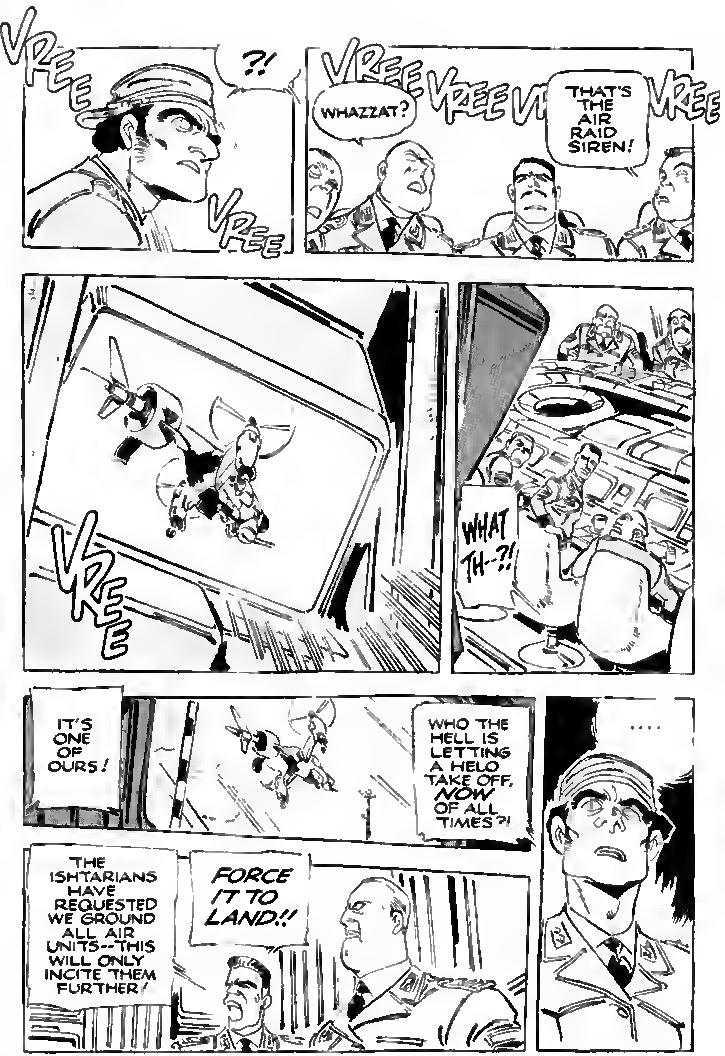
SHE IS NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL!
SHE'S A WOMAN OF... OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER!
HELEN IS AS PURE AS VENUS HERSELF!!
"SEDUCTION"...?!
THAT'S AN INSULT!!
HOW.. HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT ABOUT HER!!
GRR
DON'T...
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING TOO EMOTIONAL?
QUITE SO! THIS IS A CRITICAL PROBLEM.
WE HAVE NO TIME FOR PERSONAL CONJECTURE--
WAIT A SEC!
I'M NOT GIVING YOU CONJECTURE-- IT'S TRUE! SHE--
ENOUGH! DO YOU HAVE PROOF?
PROOF...?
THAT'S RIGHT. PROOF THAT SHE'S AS PURE AS YOU CLAIM.
WELL?

ER...
I
THAT IS TO SAY, UMM...
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND US, LIEUTENANT
WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT SCRUPLES ARE REQUIRED OR EXPECTED IN THE GATHERING OF INTELLIGENCE
WE DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT SHE DID
EXACTLY
IF SHE DECIDED THAT ROMANTIC OR SEXUAL INVOLVEMENT WAS THE BEST WAY TO EXPEDITE HER DUTIES AS AN TERRAN INSPECTOR, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT
THE DIFFICULTY FOR US IS SIMPLY THIS: HOW TO RESPOND TO ISHTAR'S ACCUSATIONS? WAS THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION A REAL LOVER'S QUARREL--
--OR WAS IT INSTEAD AN ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH OUR INSPECTION ACTIVITIES?
....
....
THAT'S ALL WE WANT TO KNOW
SO--JUST GIVE US A STRAIGHT ANSWER
--COULD SHE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS YOUNG CADET?
YES, IS THE STORY CREDIBLE--
--OR NOT?
WELL?
WELL?
WELL?

NO GOD-DAMN
WAY!!
!?
!!
?
!?
I KNOW
BECAUSE
BECAUSE
S-SHE'S
MY WIFE TO BE!!

WHAAA...?!
F-FORGIVE ME...
LT. MACLUTH!
I AM TURKISH BY BIRTH! AND LIKE THE FATHER OF MY COUNTRY, KEMEL PASHA ATATURK...
...I WAS RAISED TO WORSHIP ALLAH!
AND SO I WAS TAUGHT THAT A WOMAN MUST BE CHASTE!!
FWHHMD

I EXPECT NO LESS OF MY BETROTHED!
SHE AND I HAVE MADE AN ETERNAL VOW OF LOVE AND FIDELITY TO EACH OTHER!!
SHE WOULD NEVER...
...NEVER BETRAY HER VOWS JUST TO MAKE HER JOB EASIER!
NEVER!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BY THE WAY
WHICH WAY IS MECCA?
ANY BODY KNOW?
SIR
...
...
THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT...


VREE
?!
VREE
VREE
WHAZZAT?
THAT'S THE AIR RAID SIREN!
VREE
VREE
WHAT TH-?!
IT'S ONE OF OURS!
WHO THE HELL IS LETTING A HELO TAKE OFF, NOW OF ALL TIMES?!
....
THE ISHTARIANS HAVE REQUESTED WE GROUND ALL AIR UNITS--THIS WILL ONLY INCITE THEM FURTHER!
FORCE IT TO LAND!!

WHAT IN THE HELL?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!!
YOU! AFTER THEM!
NOW!!
THEY SABOTAGED THE OTHERS!
WE CAN'T, SIR!

HEY, WE DID IT!!
AW RIGHT!
YEE-HAW! JUST LIKE A GOOD ACTION FLICK!
Y-YEAH, BUT--
--NOW WHADDA WE DO.?
DON'T BE SUCH A CHICKEN-SHIT!!
WE'RE REBELS ON THE RUN NOW!
JEEZ
THERE'S TANKS ALL OVER THE PLACE
LOOKS LIKE MARTIAL LAW OR SOME-THIN'
WHAT THE HELL'S GOIN' ON, HUH?

HERE THEY COME...
WHO?! WHO?!
Y-YER GONNA TRY TO FIGHT THOSE?
OUR ROE SAYS NOT TO ENGAGE THE SPACE FORCE...
...BUT THIS DOESN'T COUNT!
ENGAGE AND DESTROY!
FIRE AT WILL!

YAIEE!!
IT'S THE KILLER BATS!
DON'T USE MISSILES--
--OVER THE CITY!
ENGAGE WITH YOUR CANNON-
IT'S ENOUGH FOR THE JOB!
SHREEEEEEEEE

VRRTTTT
SAVE IT!
YOU THINK CADETS GET TO FLY HELOS?!
Y'MEAN ?
EEYAAAH!
WHOOSHH
ALL-RIGHT!
YEAH! NOT BAD FOR A RETIRED OFFICER!

EEEYAAGH!
SHADDAP AND PUT ON YER SEAT-BELTS!
DAMN!
ANOTHER ONE!
GONNA HAFTA NAIL 'EM BOTH!

GNOH!
HNGYK!
GNK.
LOCK AND FIRE!
JUST LIKE THE SIMU-LATION!

BLOCK

GOT 'EM!
SHIT!
HE'S ON OUR TAIL!
I'LL TRY A SPLIT-S!
WHOAAA!

ACK!
GYAAH!!
A-EEEEE!
WILL YOU SHUT THE HELL UP?!!
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE DYIN' BACK THERE!!
GUHK
IF THE AIR FORCE DOESN'T KILL US.
THESE SEAT-BELTS WILL!!
URK!
GACK!
YAAHH

OH, ALL RIGHT-- SCREAM ALL YOU WANT!
YEEEEEE
YAIEEEK!
THE BANDIT'S OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS!
CLEARED FOR MISSILE RELEASE!
ROGER!

HEH...
NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE THIS MUCH FUN RIGHT IN MY OWN HOME-TOWN...
THANKS...
...PAL!
VRZTT
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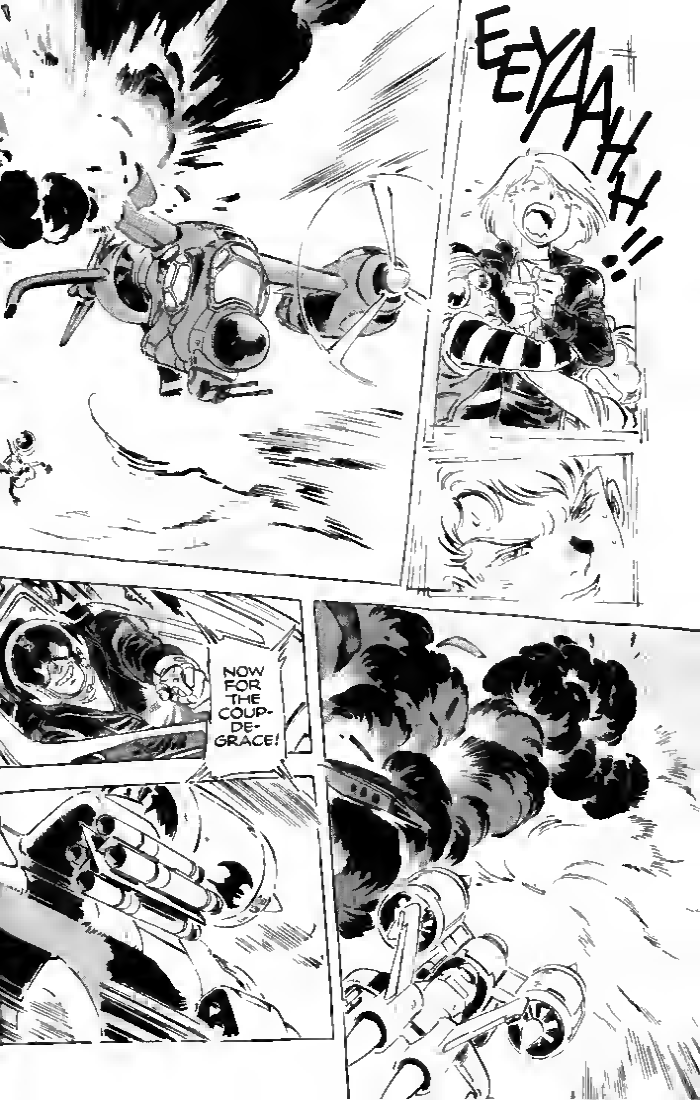

EEYAAH!!!
NOW FOR THE COUP-DE-GRACE!

SHIT!
?!

BLAM

A SMALL HELO BATTLE RECENTLY TOOK PLACE IN THE WESTERN SECTOR

FOR THE MOMENT IT'S QUIET AROUND THE TERRAN MISSION AND THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL, BUT.

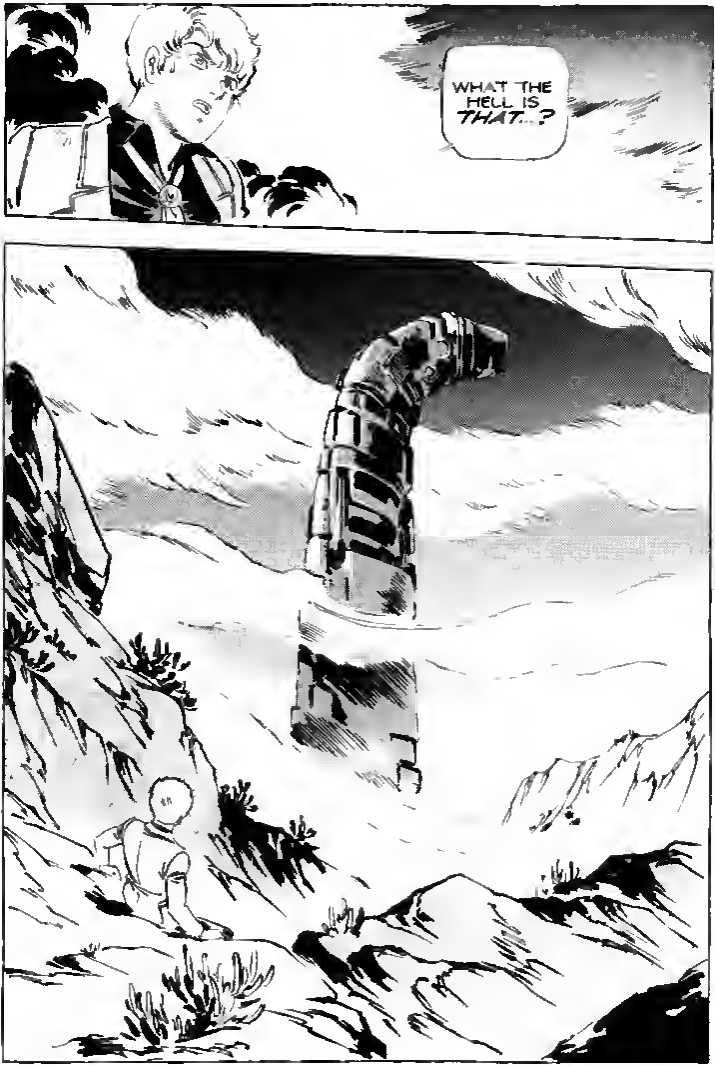
I WANT YOU TO RESTRAIN *RADO* AND HIS FACTION!

THAT BOY--

--HAS TURNED INTO A REAL HOT-HEAD.

IF WE END UP COMING TO BLOWS WITH TERRA
IT WILL BE THE FIRST INTER-PLANETARY WAR IN RECORDED HISTORY, YOU KNOW
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE THAT DECISION UP TO SOMEONE LIKE MAJOR RADO.
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK

thuhh
hff
huhh
JEEE...
...ZUSS!
SHIT! SOME PILOT YOU ARE! NOW WE'RE "REBELS WITHOUT A HELO"!
THIS SUCKS!
QUIT YOUR BITCHIN' AND MOVE YOUR ASS!
THEY'LL BE SENDING A SEARCH PARTY!
YOU WANT THEM TO CATCH YOU?!
?!
SWISSH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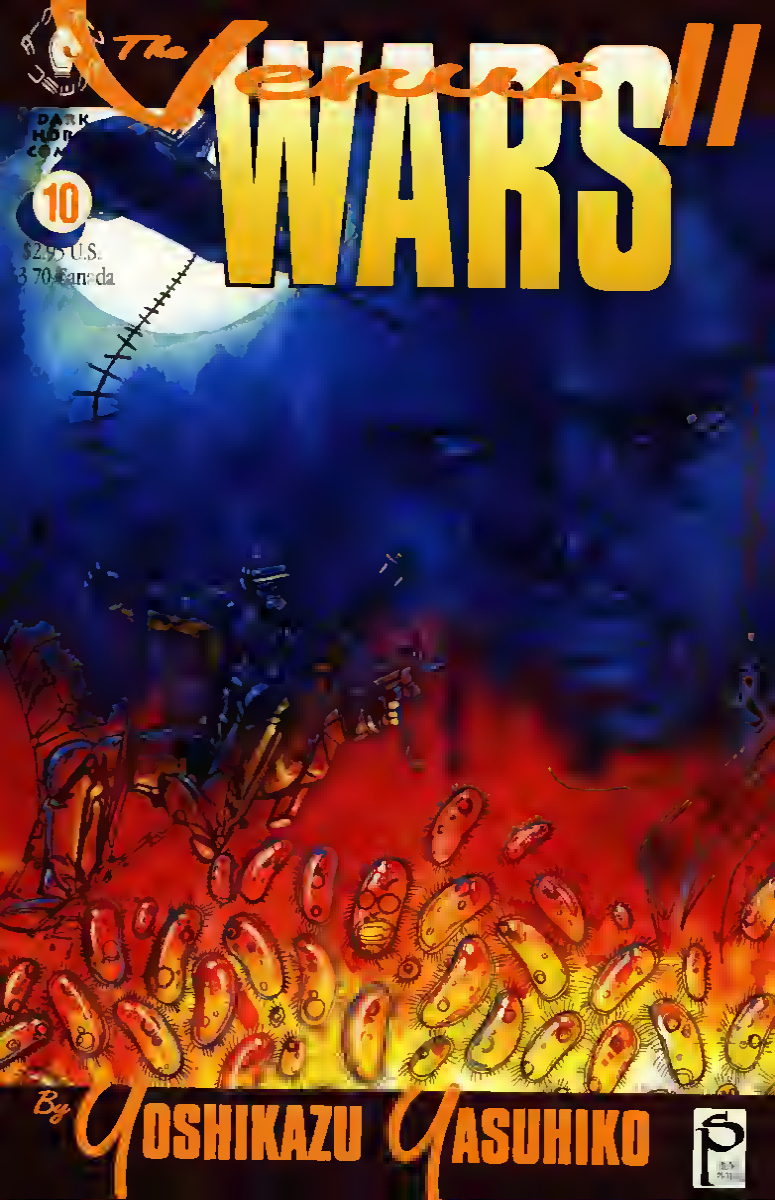
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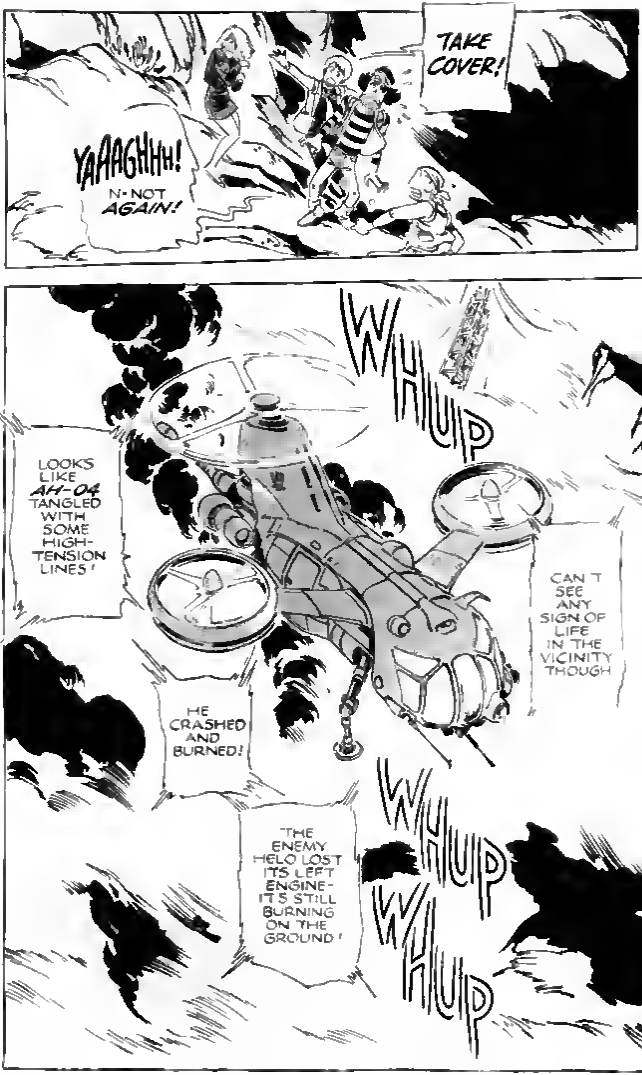
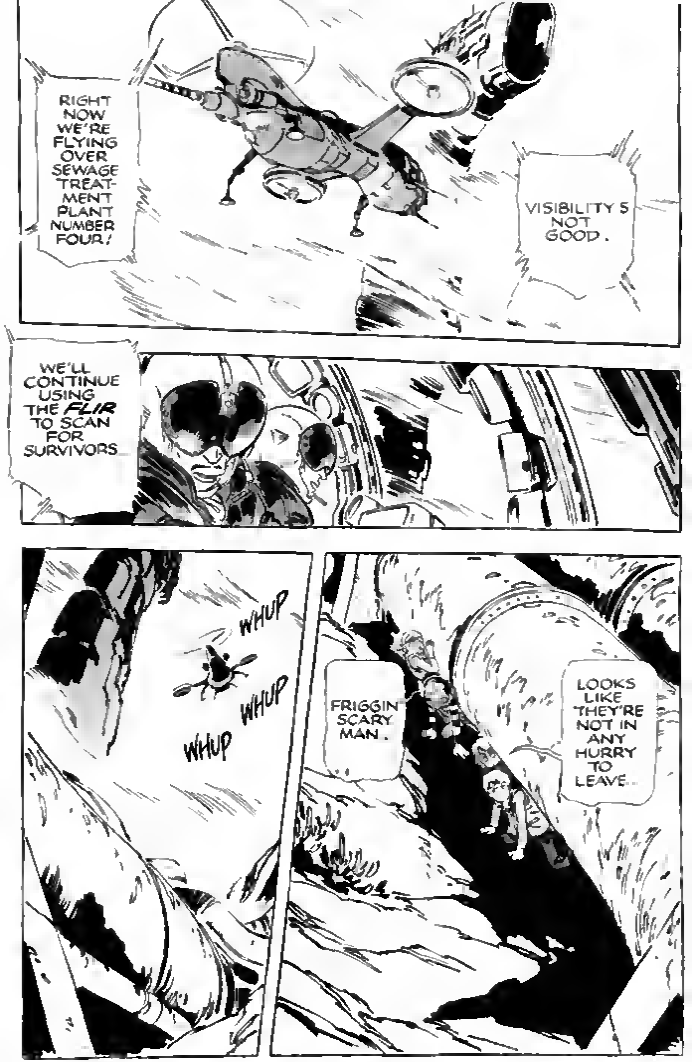
FAR OUT
OOH YUCK!
WHAT IS THAT ?!

ACK!!
IT--
IT'S MOVING

WHA--
THE WHAT ...?
HEY! WAIT!
Y-YEAH!
THE WHAT?!
I REMEMBER THAT'S THE--
THE CITY'S HUMAN WASTE TREATMENT PLANT!
GOTTA BE!

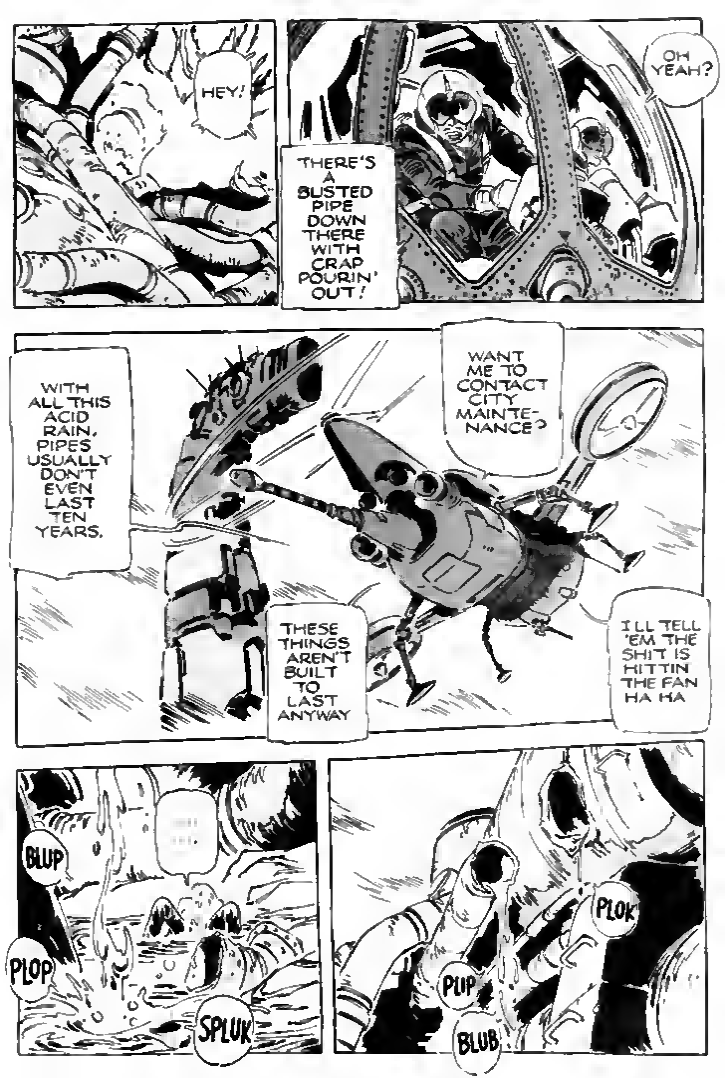
"HUMAN WASTE"
COULDN'T SHE JUST CALL IT SEWAGE...?
YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT
ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO WASN'T IT...?
PFSHHHH
NEW TREATMENT PLANT FOR CITY
"SUPERB!" COUNCIL PRAISES MAYOR'S PLAN
FULLY AUTOMATED UNMANNED FACILITY
DESIGN FEATURES ARTICULATED EXHAUST TOWER
UH OH!
STUPID SMOKE-STACK!
BARF SMOKE AT US, WILLYA?!
SCARED ME HALF TO DEATH!
TAKE THAT!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP


TAKE COVER!
YAAAGHHH!
N-NOT AGAIN!
WHUP
LOOKS LIKE AH-04 TANGLED WITH SOME HIGH-TENSION LINES!
CAN'T SEE ANY SIGN OF LIFE IN THE VICINITY THOUGH
HE CRASHED AND BURNED!
THE ENEMY HELO LOST ITS LEFT ENGINE- IT'S STILL BURNING ON THE GROUND!
WHUP WHUP

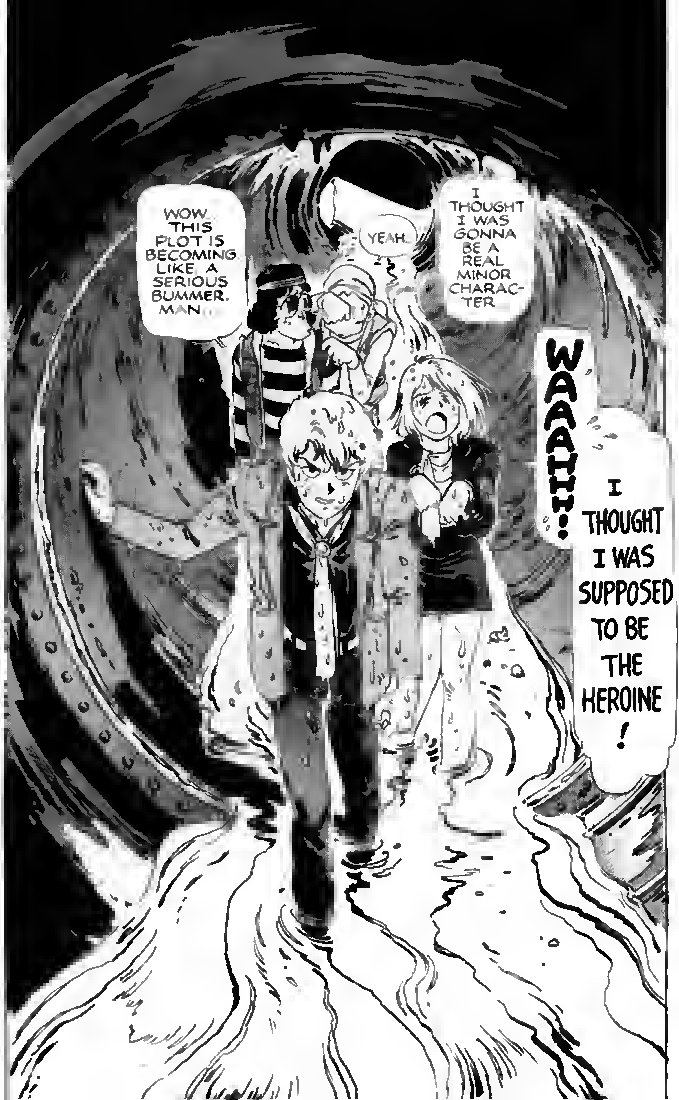

RIGHT NOW WE'RE FLYING OVER SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT NUMBER FOUR!
VISIBILITY S NOT GOOD.
WE'LL CONTINUE USING THE FLIR TO SCAN FOR SURVIVORS.
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
FRIGGIN' SCARY MAN.
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE NOT IN ANY HURRY TO LEAVE.

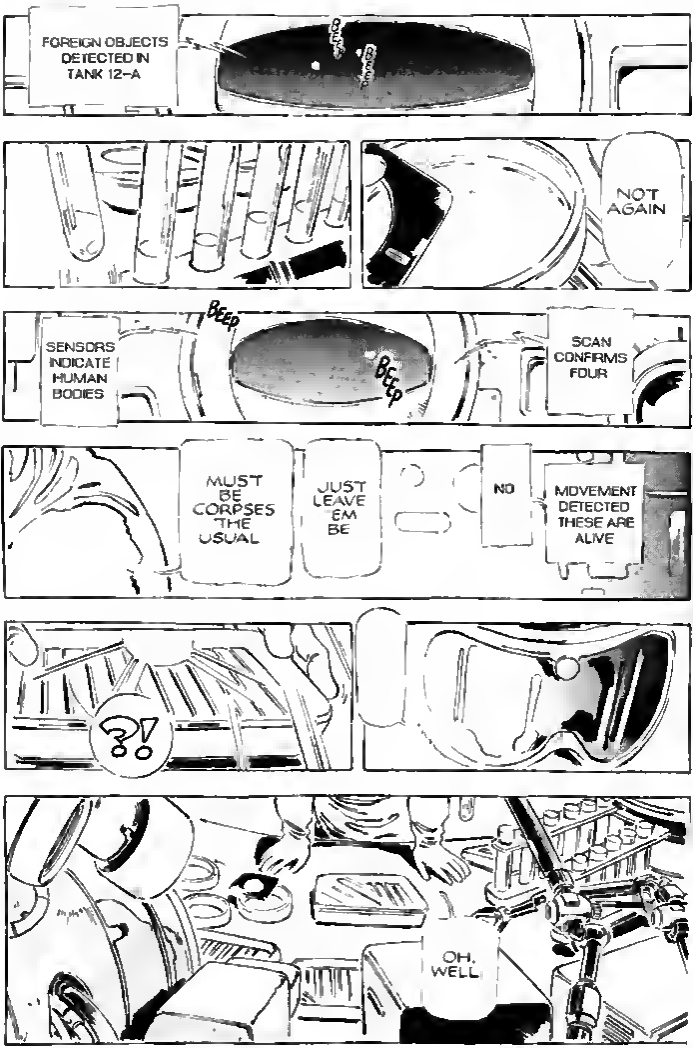
WE BETTER HIDE INSIDE THE PLANT!
HUH?!
THE INFRARED SCANNER ON THE HELO WOULD PICK US UP EVENTUALLY
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT IF WE STAY OUTSIDE
NO GOD DAMN WAY!
THIS PLACE REEKS!
I MEAN IT REALLY STINKS! I AIN'T GONNA HIDE IN THERE!
SUIT YOURSELF
YOU WANNA GET CAUGHT, GO AHEAD!
BUT IF THEY SEE ANY MOVEMENT THEY'LL STRAFE THE HELL OUT OF IT!
WHUP WHUP WHUP

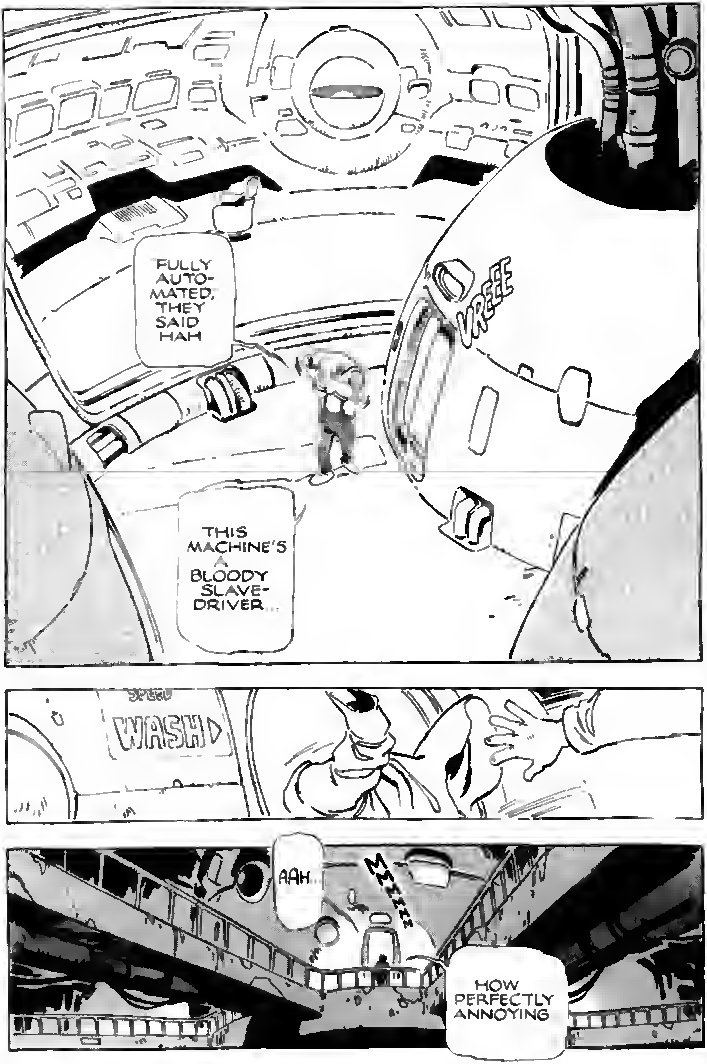
?!
KRAK
KBLOOOSHH
SPLORT
SPSHHHHH


HEY!
THERE'S A BUSTED PIPE DOWN THERE WITH CRAP POURIN' OUT!
OH YEAH?
WITH ALL THIS ACID RAIN, PIPES USUALLY DON'T EVEN LAST TEN YEARS.
WANT ME TO CONTACT CITY MAINTE-NANCE?
THESE THINGS AREN'T BUILT TO LAST ANYWAY
I'LL TELL 'EM THE SHIT IS HITTIN THE FAN HA HA
BLUP
PLOP
SPLUK
PLOK
PUP
BLUB

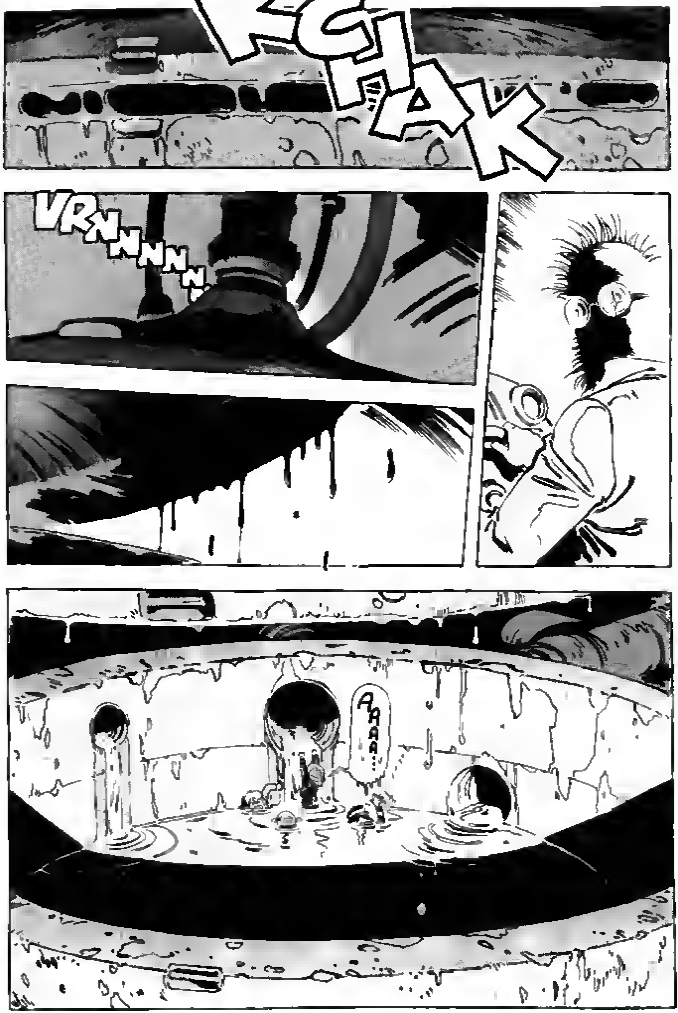
MATT!
?!
THAT'S THE WAY!
WE'LL GO IN THROUGH THAT HOLE!
DO AS I SAY,
GOD DAMN IT!!
YECUCH!!
NO WAY!
WHAAT?!


WOW. THIS PLOT IS BECOMING LIKE A SERIOUS BUMMER, MAN...
YEAH...
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA BE A REAL MINOR CHARAC-TER.
WAAAH!!
I THOUGHT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE HEROINE!


FOREIGN OBJECTS DETECTED IN TANK 12-A
BEEP
BEEP
NOT AGAIN
SENSORS INDICATE HUMAN BODIES
BEEP
BEEP
SCAN CONFIRMS FOUR
MUST BE CORPSES THE USUAL
JUST LEAVE EM BE
NO
MOVEMENT DETECTED THESE ARE ALIVE
?!
OH, WELL


FULLY AUTO-MATED, THEY SAID HAH
KREEE
THIS MACHINE'S A BLOODY SLAVE-DRIVER...
WASH
AAH...
SSSSSS
HOW PERFECTLY ANNOYING

NOW WHO WOULD THINK--
--CLIMB-ING INTO A VAT OF SHIT WAS A GOOD TIME?
SECTOR TWELVE IS IT.
NINE TEN ELEVEN
12-A
I JUST DON'T.
--UNDER-STAND PEOPLE THESE DAYS--
OOF


KCHAK
VRNNNNNN
AAAA!

IT WAS
SO MOVING!
I MEAN, HONESTLY!
SINCE I WAS TAKING NOTES I HEARD EVERY-THING..
BUT HE WAS SO ELO-QUENT, I ALMOST FORGOT TO KEEP WRITING!
EVERY ONE OF THE OFFICERS THERE WAS IMPRESSED AND TOUCHED TOO!
THEY FULLY UNDER-STAND THE SITUA-TION NOW!

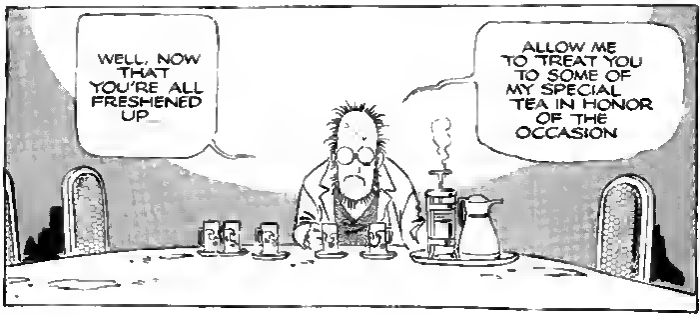
THEY'RE CONVINCED THAT ISHTAR'S PROTESTS HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT LT. MACLUTH! THE BRASS ARE COMPLETELY ON YOUR SIDE!
OOOH, BUT I'M SOOOO ENVIOUS OF YOU!
TO HAVE SUCH A DEVOTED FIANCÉ
!!
W-WHAT?
QUIET! QUIET! QUIET!
umph!
mff!
TH-
TH-
THAT'S ENOUGH!

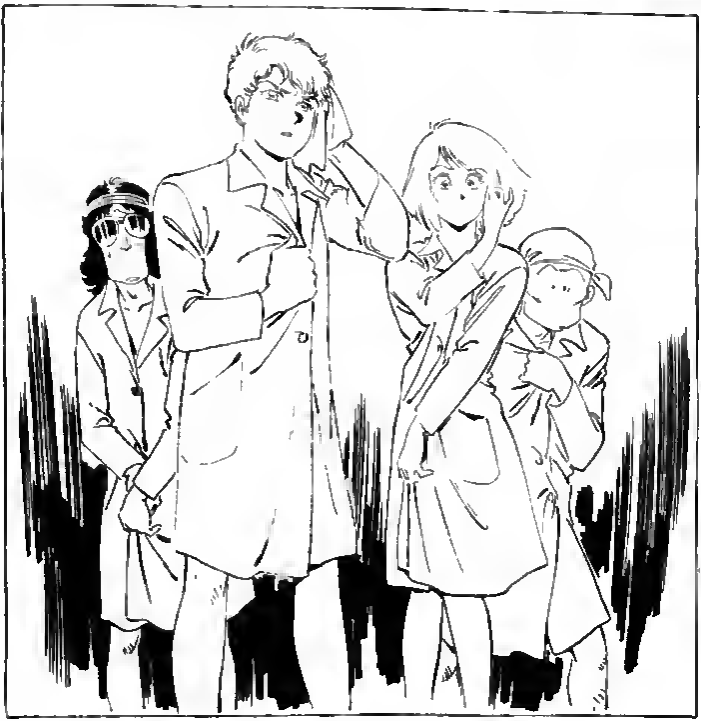
SLAM!
AH HA HA HA HA
LT GUNNAN
Y-YES?
THANK YOU
I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY
I WAS FOOLISH I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO HAVE THINGS MY WAY
LOOK AT THE TROUBLE I CAUSED FOR POOR MATTHEW
I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO HIM
WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE?
MA--
--MATTHEW RADOM?
ER HE STOLE A HELO AND ESCAPED
BUT HE LEFT THIS MESSAGE FOR YOU

SOMEONE QUICK! HURRY!!
AH.!
HELEN!!
NOTE THE LETTER WAS DISTORTED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINT AND IS NOT DUE TO THE SCANNER OR THE RE-TOUCHING HERE'S WHAT I CAN MAKE OUT WHAT-T SAYS HELEN, I'M GOING TO KILL RANDO AND AVENGE LUISA I WANT YOU AND YOUR TERRAN FRIENDS TO STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM ME --RANDOM.

AAAAHHHHH!!

gbbl
blgg
ER
UH WE'RE KINDA ALL WAITIN HERE
ARE YOU DONE--
NO!!
YEEAAHOO!
HERE'S SOME CLEAN CLOTHES
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND LAB COATS THERE'S PLENTY TO SPARE
FWMP


WELL, NOW THAT YOU'RE ALL FRESHENED UP...
ALLOW ME TO TREAT YOU TO SOME OF MY SPECIAL TEA IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION



HEY I'D HEARD THIS PLANT WAS LIKE ON AUTO-MATIC PILOT...
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT THOUGH
WELL IT'S OPERA-TION IS FULLY AUTO-MATED
HOW-EVER
MACHINES NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER THEM-- A CARE TAKER IF YOU WILL
SUCH AS MY-SELF
MAKES SENSE
BUT
YOU LOOK LIKE SOME KIND OF SCIENTIST
HOW COME YOU'RE WORKING AS A CARE-TAKER?
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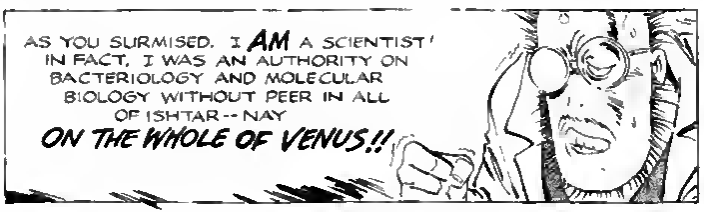
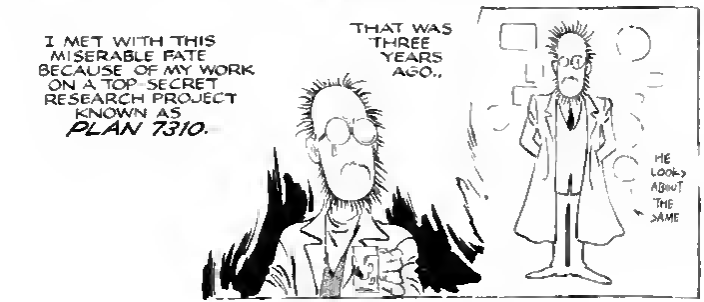
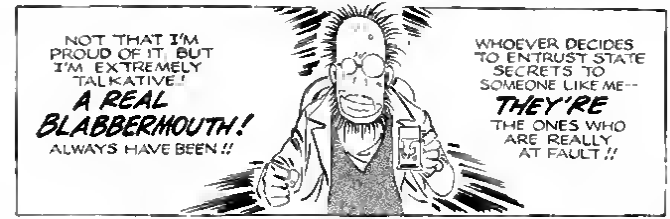
WELL YOU MAY ASK!!

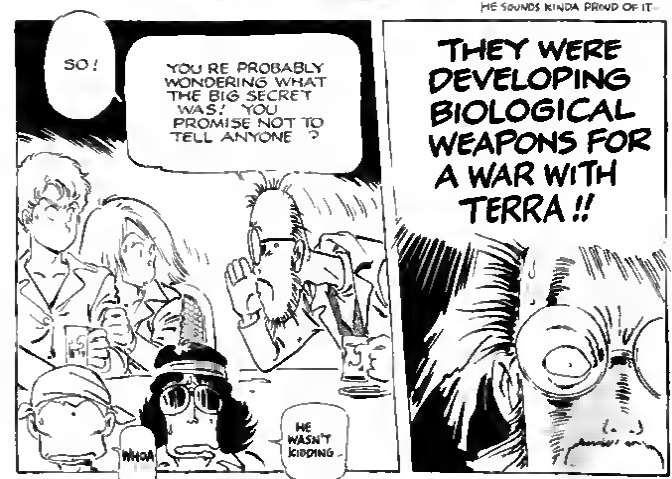

AS YOU SURMISED. I AM A SCIENTIST! IN FACT, I WAS AN AUTHORITY ON BACTERIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY WITHOUT PEER IN ALL OF ISHTAR -- NAY ON THE WHOLE OF VENUS!!


I MET WITH THIS MISERABLE FATE BECAUSE OF MY WORK ON A TOP SECRET RESEARCH PROJECT KNOWN AS PLAN 7310.
THAT WAS THREE YEARS AGO..
ME LOOKS ABOUT THE SAME

"I WAS WINED AND DINED BY CORPORATE BIG-WIGS
CLUB
PUB
BAR
THEY GOT ME TALKING AND I SPILLED SOME OF THE PROJECT'S SECRETS
"OVERNIGHT, I FOUND MYSELF EXILED TO THIS TREATMENT PLANT


NOT THAT I'M PROUD OF IT, BUT I'M EXTREMELY TALKATIVE! A REAL BLABBERMOUTH! ALWAYS HAVE BEEN!!
WHOEVER DECIDES TO ENTRUST STATE SECRETS TO SOMEONE LIKE ME-- THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE REALLY AT FAULT!!

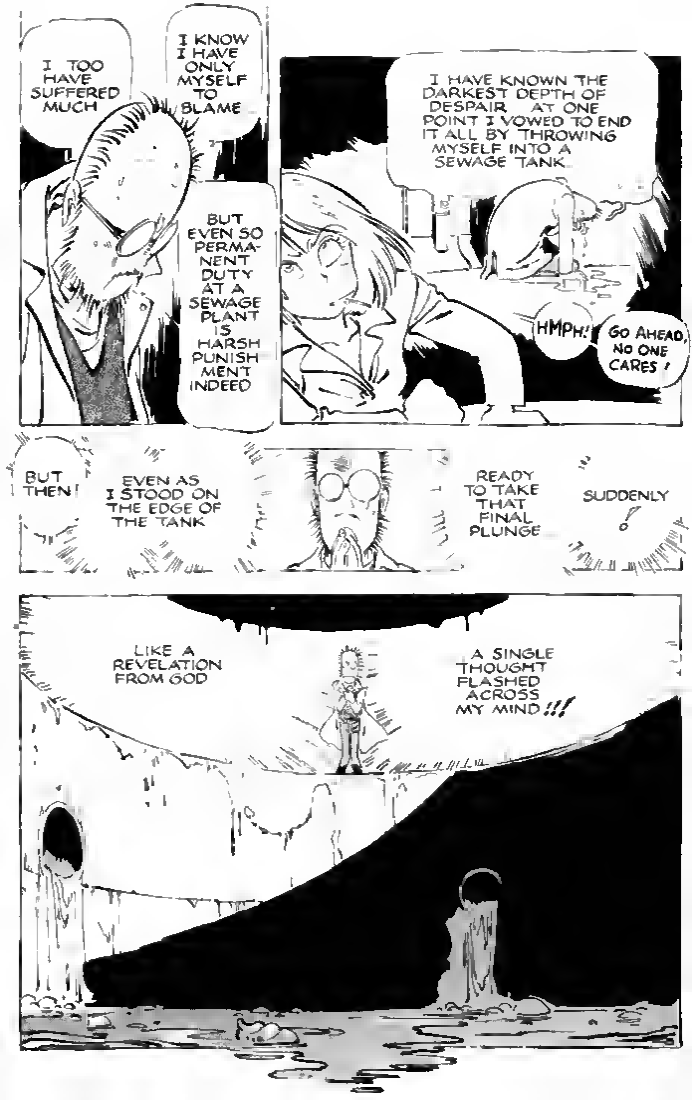
HE SOUNDS KINDA PROUD OF IT...

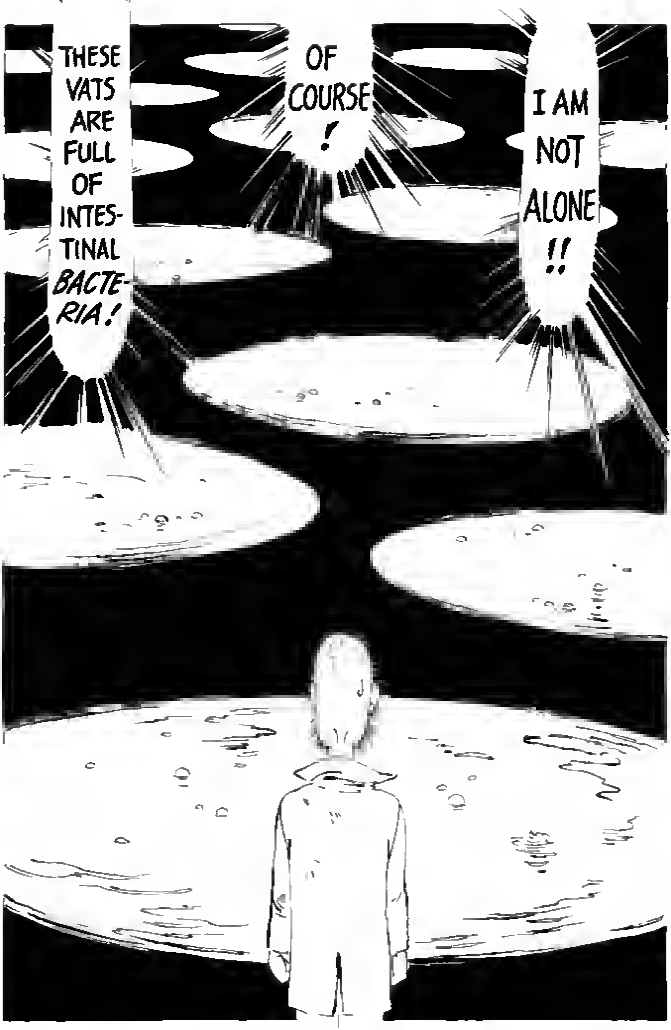

SO!
YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHAT THE BIG SECRET WAS! YOU PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE?
WHOA
HE WASN'T KIDDING
THEY WERE DEVELOPING BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS FOR A WAR WITH TERRA!!

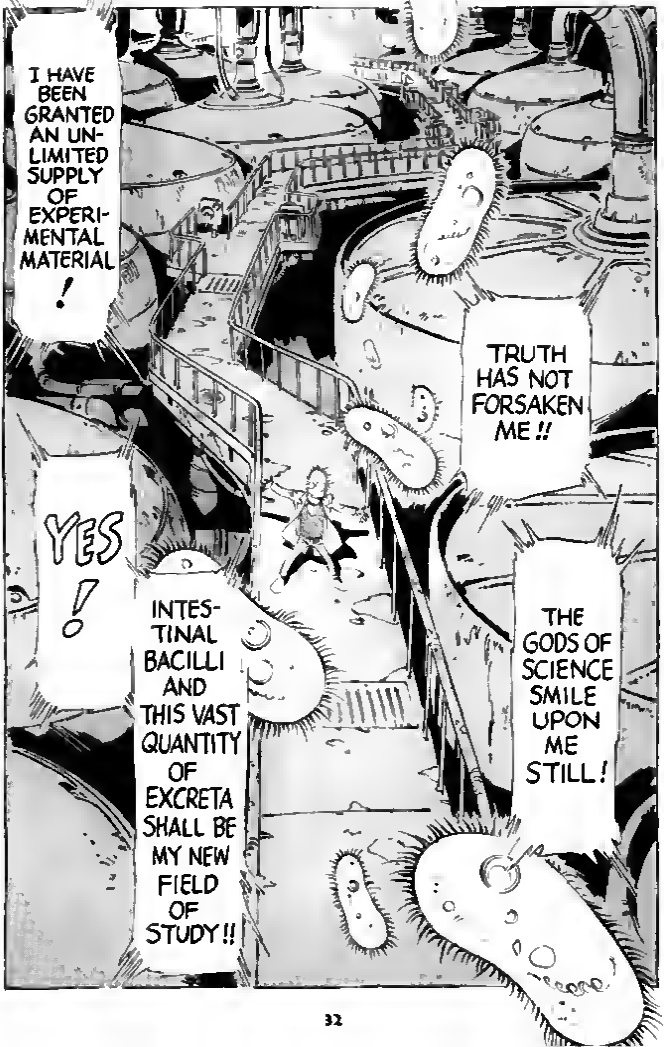
YOU SAW THIS COMING, RIGHT?

AS YOU KNOW, THEY HAVEN'T FOUND ANY URANIUM ON VENUS AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SMUGGLE IN
WHAT WITH THE TERRANS CONTROLLING SPACE TRANS PORT
WHICH MEANS THE ONLY ANSWER VENUS HAS TO TERRA'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL IS BIOWEAPONRY BY UTILIZING VENUS UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT THEY CAN CREATE THE ULTIMATE STRATEGIC WEAPON- ONE AGAINST WHICH TERRA IS UTTERLY DEFENSELESS
"THE PERFECT TRUMP CARD IN AN INTER-PLANETARY WAR
AS WELL AS THE PERFECT DE'TERRENT"

THAT'S DISGUSTING! ONLY A BUNCH A REAL SLIME-BALLS--
WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
WHY, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A MAD SCIENTIST !!
THAT I AM, YOUNG LADY!
EH?
SCIENCE IS PURE TRUTH!
MY HEAD HURTS.
EVERY SINGLE FACT DISCOVERED IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY HAS COME FROM SCIENCE!
THOSE WHO MARTYR THEMSELVES FOR THE SAKE OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY ARE ALWAYS RIDICULED BY THE PHILISTINES!

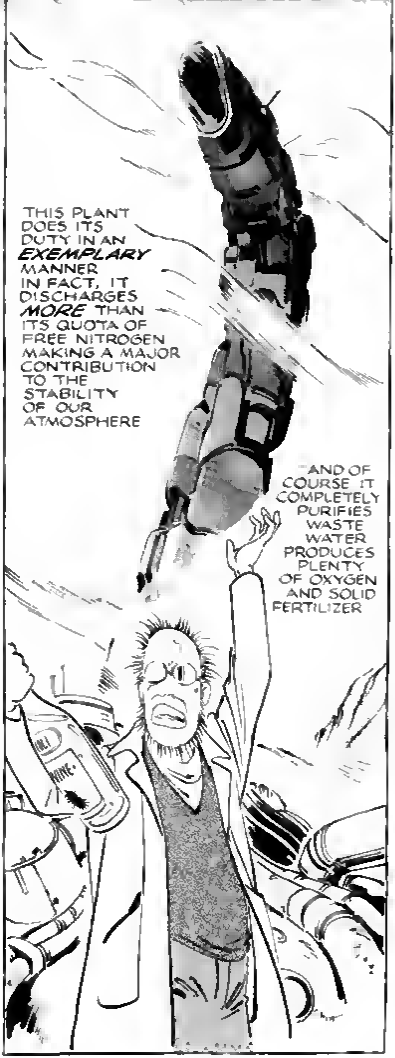

I TOO HAVE SUFFERED MUCH
I KNOW I HAVE ONLY MYSELF TO BLAME
BUT EVEN SO PERMANENT DUTY AT A SEWAGE PLANT IS HARSH PUNISHMENT INDEED
I HAVE KNOWN THE DARKEST DEPTH OF DESPAIR AT ONE POINT I VOWED TO END IT ALL BY THROWING MYSELF INTO A SEWAGE TANK
HMPH!
GO AHEAD, NO ONE CARES!
BUT THEN!
EVEN AS I STOOD ON THE EDGE OF THE TANK
READY TO TAKE THAT FINAL PLUNGE
SUDDENLY
LIKE A REVELATION FROM GOD
A SINGLE THOUGHT FLASHED ACROSS MY MIND!!!

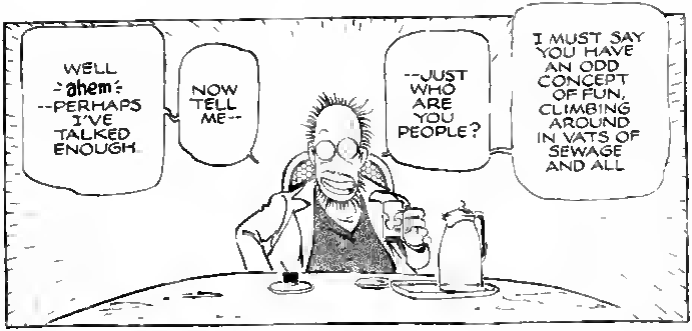

THESE VATS ARE FULL OF INTES-TINAL BACTE-RIA!
OF COURSE!
I AM NOT ALONE!!


I HAVE BEEN GRANTED AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF EXPERIMENTAL MATERIAL!
TRUTH HAS NOT FORSAKEN ME!!
YES!
INTESTINAL BACILLI AND THIS VAST QUANTITY OF EXCRETA SHALL BE MY NEW FIELD OF STUDY!!
THE GODS OF SCIENCE SMILE UPON ME STILL!

HEY WHAT'S THIS FOR ANYWAY?
"I WAS LIKE UNTO A MAN REBORN SINCE I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE PLANT, I HAD TO RELY ON PERIODIC SUPPLY DROPS
BUT LITTLE BY LITTLE I COLLECTED MY RESEARCH MATERIALS"
OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS I HAVE TURNED THIS CENTRAL CONTROL ROOM-
-INTO AN ADVANCED BIOLAB!
AND MY RESEARCH HAS ALREADY BORNE FRUIT!
FOR EXAMPLE THIS TEA YOU JUST DRANK!
ZZZZZ

IMITATION DARJEELING BREWED WITH INTESTINAL BACILLI AND HUMAN WASTE!
SPLURK!
AND THERE'S MUCH MUCH MORE!
BEER
BAM!!
COLI CHEESE! BEER MADE WITH COLI FERMENTATION!
CHEESE
WAP!
COLI BUTTER! COLI YOGURT!
COLI HONEY!
EVEN COLI ICE CREAM!
COLI-FERMENTED SOUR-DOUGH BREAD!
HALLBO!
WAIT!
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS YOU'VE SUBVERTED THIS PLANT FOR YOUR OWN SELFISH PURPOSES?
ER?!
EXCUSE ME BOY--
--BUT THAT'S SIMPLY NOT TRUE!


THIS PLANT DOES ITS DUTY IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER IN FACT, IT DISCHARGES MORE THAN ITS QUOTA OF FREE NITROGEN MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE STABILITY OF OUR ATMOSPHERE
"AND OF COURSE IT COMPLETELY PURIFIES WASTE WATER PRODUCES PLENTY OF OXYGEN AND SOLID FERTILIZER
BUT LET ME TELL YOU THIS MUCH--
-YOU'RE VERY LUCKY YOU FELL INTO TANK 12
I WAS USING TANK 13 TO GROW CULTURE OF TRICHO-PHYTON FUNGUS THAT'S RING-WORM
GYAAH!!
IF YOU'D FALLEN IN THERE
YOU'D BE COVERED WITH DOZENS OF COLONIES OF IT BY NOW


WELL -ahem- --PERHAPS I'VE TALKED ENOUGH
NOW TELL ME--
--JUST WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
I MUST SAY YOU HAVE AN ODD CONCEPT OF FUN, CLIMBING AROUND IN VATS OF SEWAGE AND ALL

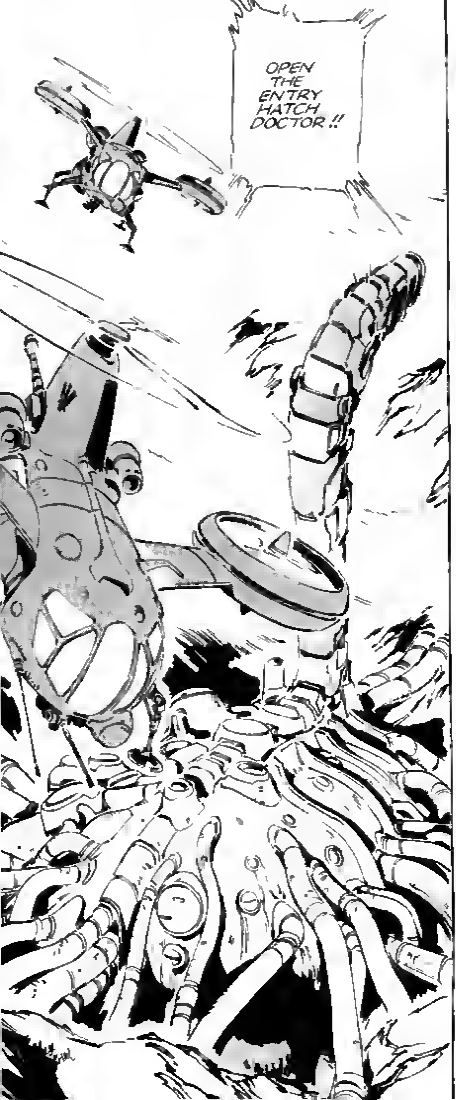
LOOK PROFESSOR
AS A MATTER OF FACT WE--

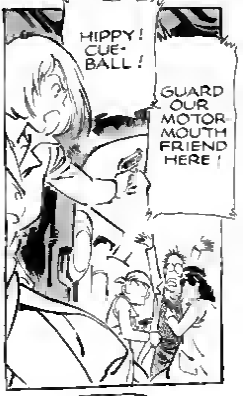
!
RRIINNGG

HANG ON A SEC IT'S THE PHONE
RRIN NG
KCHK

YES ? SPEAKING
I HAVE GUESTS HERE CAN IT WAIT?
MENU
DAMN IT DR COLI!

SOME-WHERE IN YOUR AREA--
--ARE SEVERAL DANGEROUS POLITICAL CRIMINALS!
HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING UNUSUAL AT THE PLANT?
UGH!
TELL 'EM NOBODY'S HERE!
HELLO? DR COLI? IS EVERY-THING NORMAL?!
SAY IT!!
EH-EH-EVERYTHING'S F-F-FINE
GOOD BUT JUST TO BE SURE...
WHUP WHUP WHUP
WE'RE SEND-ING IN SOME MEN!!

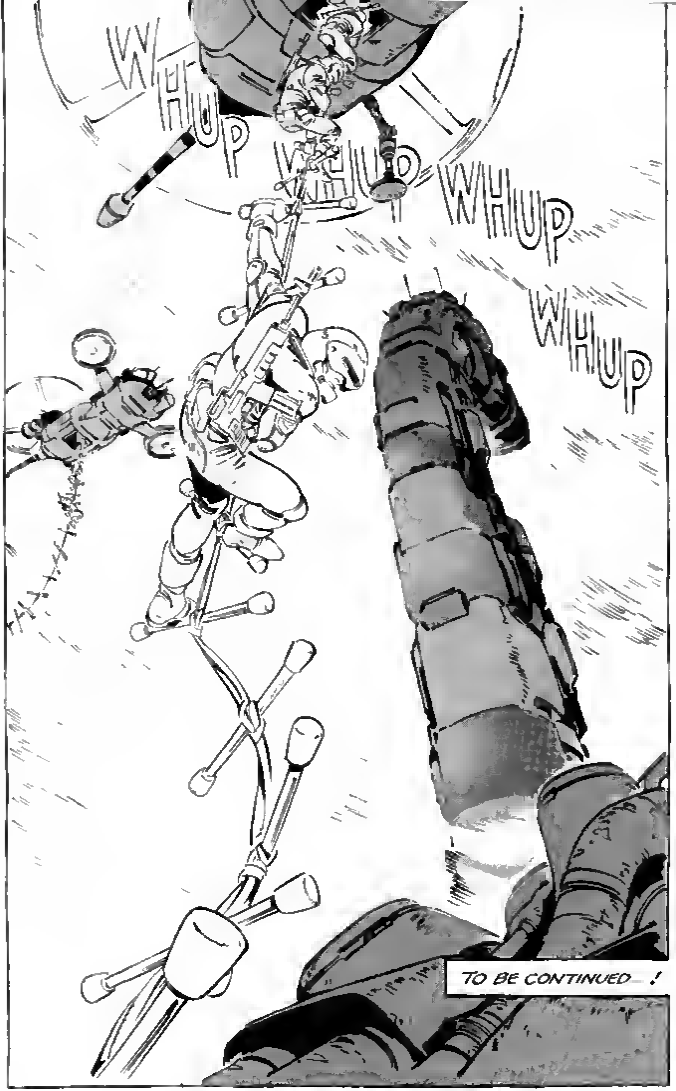

OPEN THE ENTRY HATCH DOCTOR!!

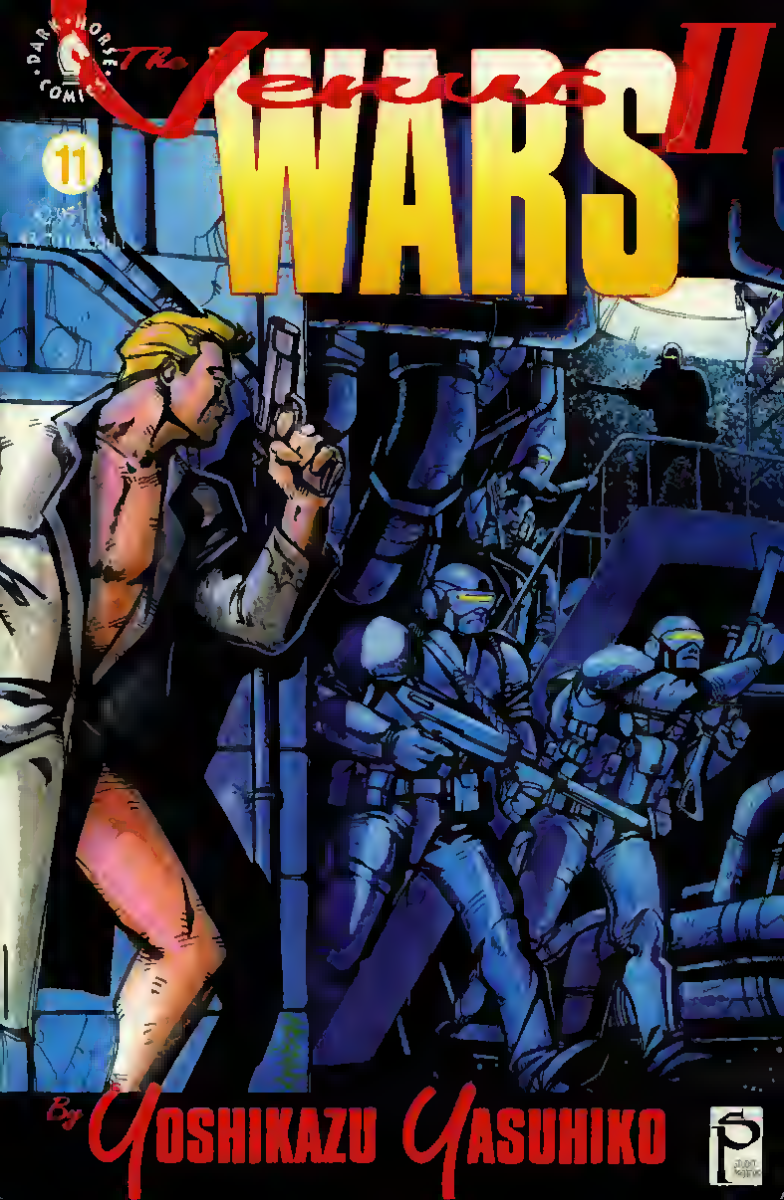

HIPPY! CUE-BALL!
GUARD OUR MOTOR MOUTH FRIEND HERE!

SHE CALLED YOU HIPPY
AND YOU CUE-BALL!

WOW WE FINALLY GOT NAMES!
YEAH!
?
EVEN IF THEY ARE KINDA DUMB SOUNDING

KCHAK


WHUP WHUP WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
TO BE CONTINUED ...!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The Venus WARS II

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
OPEN THE HATCH!
NOW, DR. COLI!!

I'LL SHOOT THE FIRST ONE...
THEN YOU TAKE THE NEXT, AND EVERY OTHER ONE AFTER THAT!
GO AROUND TO THE OTHER SIDE!
MAKE SURE NONE OF THEM MAKE IT DOWN THE STAIRS!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY THEY SEND DOWN
THEY'LL HAVE TO COME THROUGH THAT HATCH ONE BY ONE...
YEAH
ALL RIGHT-- OPEN IT!

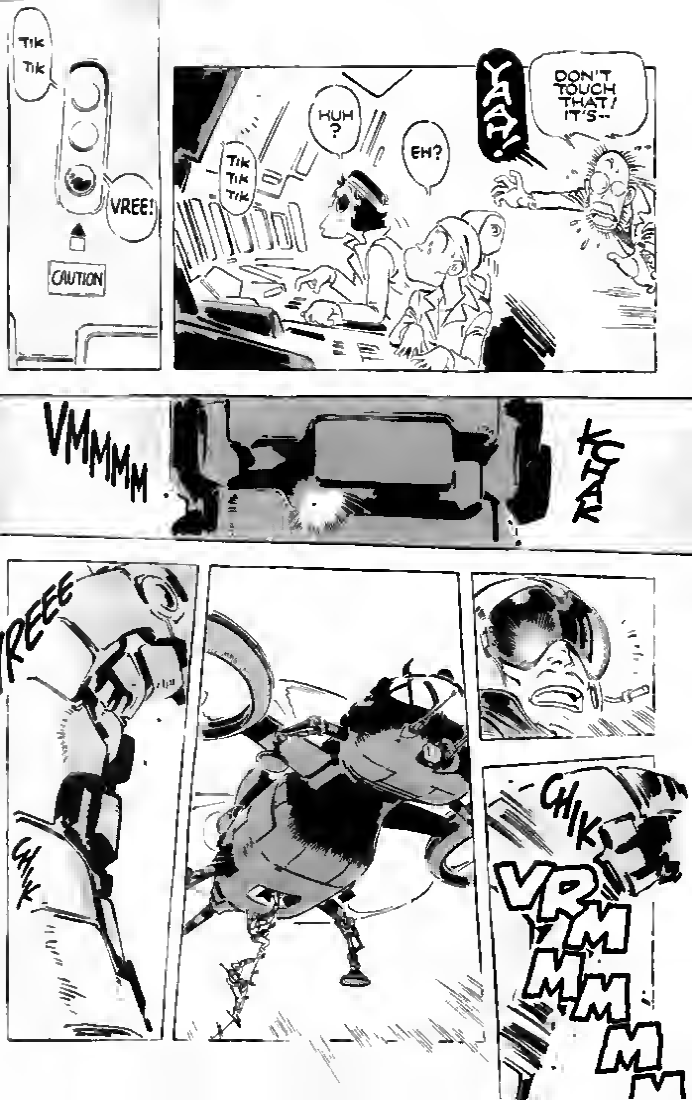
VREE
EEE
KA-G
KABAM!

BAM BLAM
KBAM
SPANG
BRTT

SPAK
SPANGG
SPAK
PAK
BUDA
BRTTT
HIPPY! CUEBALL !!
KBAM
SHUT THE HATCH !!
DON'T LET ANY MORE IN !!

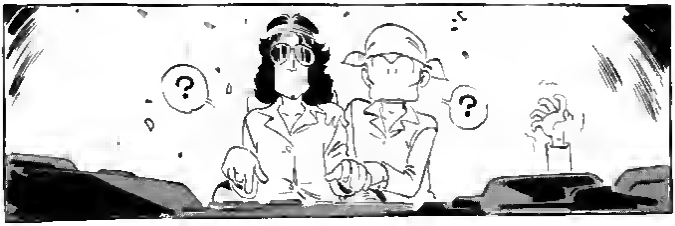
SHUT IT NOW!
BUTT
BUDA
HURRY!!
BRRITT
SPAINGG
KBLAM
EEYAGH!
OH NO... TH-THE PLANT
BLAM
SPAK
BRITT
M-MY BEAUTIFUL LAB.
BLAM
SPAK
THIS IS TER-RIBLE!
TER-RIBLE!
JU--
JUST TER-RIBLE!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
BAM
BAM
BRTTTT
HEY MISTER!
HOW DO YOU SHUT THE STUPID THING?!
CLOSE THE GODDAMN HATCH!

THEY'RE IN HERE!
WHUP WHUP
WE'RE FIGHTING THEM RIGHT NOW!
WHUP
WE'VE LOST FOUR MEN ALREADY!
GET ANOTHER SQUAD IN HERE RIGHT GODDAMN NOW!!
ROGER!
THEY'RE ON THE WAY!!
SON OF A BITCH!!
I DUNNO WHAT THE HELL TO DO!!
SCREW IT!
BEEP
I'LL JUST PUNCH 'EM ALL!
BEEP


Tik Tik
VREE!
CAUTION
Tik Tik Tik
HUH?
EH?
AH!
DON'T TOUCH THAT! IT'S--
VMMMM
KCHK
REEE
CHK
CHK
VRMMMMMMM

SMASH

BOOM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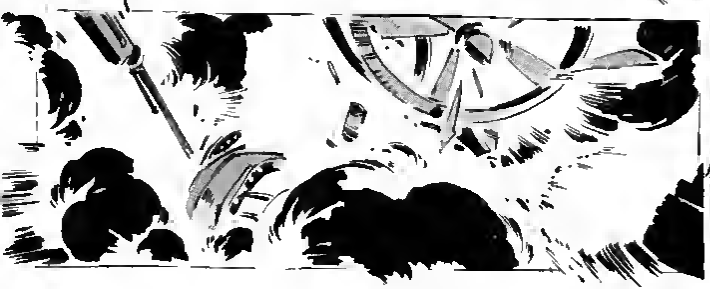
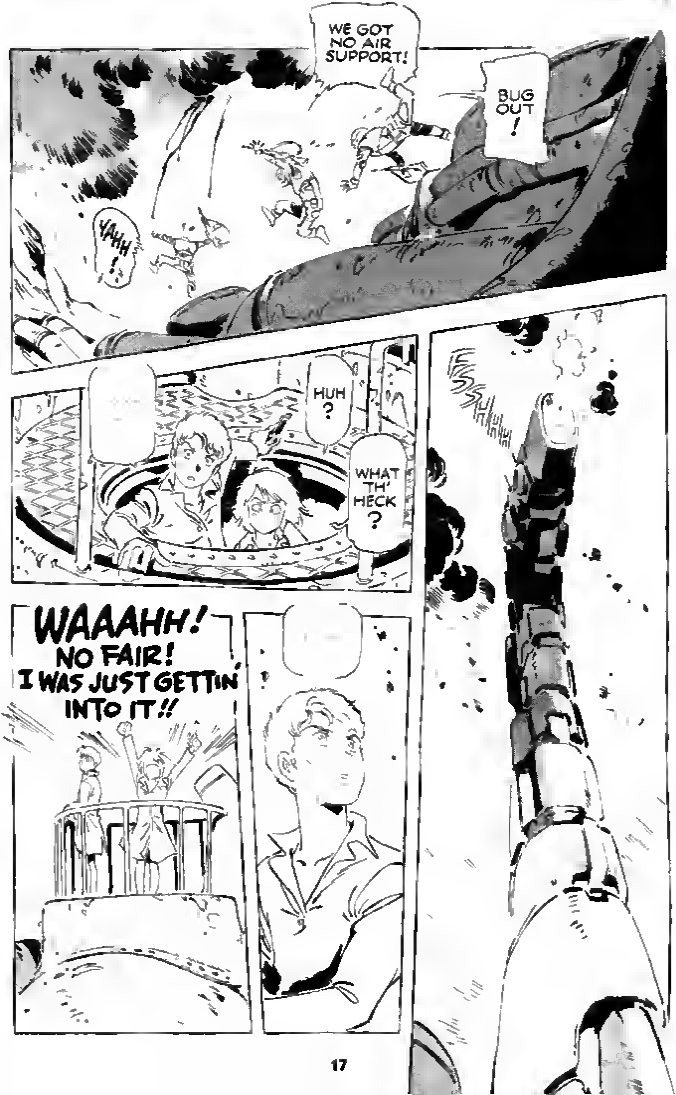
Y'KNOW THAT SOUNDED LIKE...
YEAH
SOMETHIN' HAPPENED OUTSIDE.
SLAM
IDIOTS !!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PLAYING AT?!
JUST CLOSE THE GOD-DAMN THING!
BRRLLT
IF THEY GET REIN-FORCEMENTS IN HERE WE'RE SCREWED!
N-NO SHIT, MAN !!
SO WHADDA WE DO?!
LOOK OUT!
TAKE THAT! AND THAT!
UMPH! GRNK!
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
NO-AAH!
KEEP AWAY FROM THE EXHAUST STACK!

THE FIRST SQUAD NEEDS SUPPORT!
BUT SIR
THEY'LL HAVE TO WAIT
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
FIRST WE HAVE TO--
BEEP
DANGER
SPANGG
SPAK
SPANG!
YEEOW!
HURRY!
HYAH!
ST--
THIS!
OR THIS!
STOP!!
EYAHH!



VENTING AND IGNITION OF METHANE GAS COMPLETED
WHUH
ESE
WNW
WHUH
ALL TANKS EMPTY
WE DID IT!
WELL, WE DID SOME-THING ANY WAY...
WAAH!
IT'S THE END OF MY PLANT, THE END OF MY LAB!
I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO LIVE FOR...
JESUS CHRIST!
THEY TOOK OUT BOTH HELOS!


WE GOT NO AIR SUPPORT!
BUG OUT!
YAHH!
HUH?
WHAT TH' HECK?
WAAAHH! NO FAIR! I WAS JUST GETTIN INTO IT!!

HMPH !
I'M PISSED OFF
YO!
HEY LUPICA! CHECK THIS OUT!
WHAT ?!
C'MON !
CHECK IT OUT !
WE MADE THE TV NEWS !
IT'S EVEN A SPECIAL BULLETIN, MAN!

TODAY, BEFORE DAWN, THE PRIMARY SUSPECTS IN THE RECENTLY UNCOVERED ANTI-GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACY WHO YESTERDAY ESCAPED FROM THE TERRAN MISSION--
--WERE TRACKED BY GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES TO WASTE TREATMENT PLANT NUMBER FOUR WEST OF THE CAPITAL
HOWEVER, THE GANG PUT UP UNEXPECTED RESISTANCE, AND AN ENTIRE SQUAD WAS LOST INSIDE THE PLANT
THE SUSPECTS THEN ATTACKED THE SUPPORT HELICOPTERS USING THE MOBILE EXHAUST STACK
RESULTING IN THE LOSS--
--OF BOTH HELICOPTERS AND THEIR ENTIRE CREWS
WOW! LOOK IT THAT!
SHEE NOT BAD!
AT PRESENT, THE GANG--
--IS STILL HOLED UP IN THE PLANT

AS THEY APPEAR LIKELY TO CONTINUE THEIR RESISTANCE, THE AUTHORITIES PLAN TO RESPOND BY--
YES!
NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE A STAND!!
NOW...NOW YOU SHALL SEE THE POWER OF THE OPPRESSED!! YES! WE SHALL BE STRONG!!
NO MORE WILL I SPEND MY DAYS MAKING BREAD AND BUTTER FROM EXCREMENT!!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF BEING THE PATHETIC UNDERDOG FROM NOW ON!! I SHALL FIGHT!!
?
?
?
J-JEEZ GUY
CHILL OUT, WILLYA ?
EWS

I WAS SUCH A SNIVELLING WEAKLING
I TOLD MYSELF I WAS SACRIFICING MYSELF FOR SCIENCE AND TRUTH--
--BUT ALL I DID WAS KNUCKLE UNDER TO THE POWERS THAT BE WHEN THEY ACCUSED ME OF TELLING A FEW MEASLY NATIONAL SECRETS
I HAVE SUFFERED SO MANY CRUEL INJUSTICES. :sniff:
THAT'S RIGHT, MISTER COLI!
"MISTER"...?
PLEASE, SHOW A LITTLE RESPECT AND CALL ME DOCTOR COLI
OF COURSE DOCTOR! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
WHY ARE YOU SUCKING UP TO THAT WEIRDO...?
THINK ABOUT IT, LUPICA!
FINALLY, WE CAN PUT UP A REAL FIGHT AGAINST THAT BASTARD!
??
YOU KNOW WHO I MEAN!
MAJOR RADO!

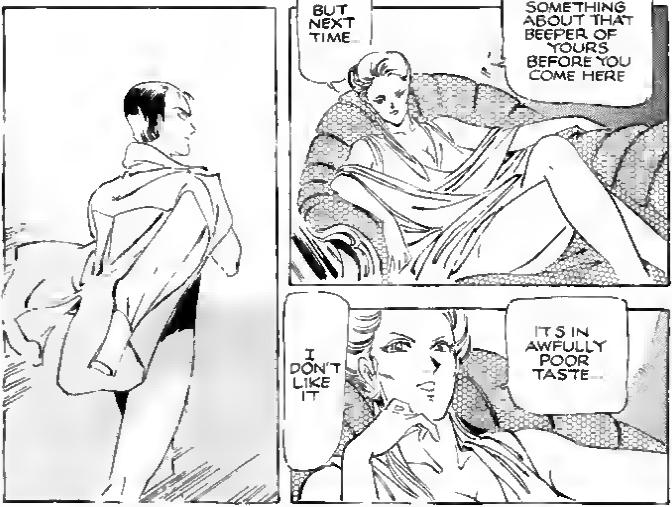
UNTIL NOW I HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO! THEY WERE TOO DAMN STRONG! HOW COULD WE POSSIBLY BEAT THEM ?!
BUT THE TABLE HAS TURNED!
NOW WE CAN FIGHT !!
AND NOW WE CAN WIN!!
THAT CRUEL, LOWDOWN, POWER-HUNGRY BASTARD HAD BETTER WATCH HIS ASS!!

KA-KRAK
OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE CONSUL OF ISHTAR

AH...
YES...
MM...
AH...
AAH!
BREEP♪

YES? WHAT IS IT?
I TOLD YOU NEVER TO CALL ME HERE!
IF IT'S ABOUT THE PROBLEM AT THE SEWAGE PLANT, I ALREADY TOLD YOU I DON'T CARE--GO AHEAD AND LEVEL THE DAMN PLACE!

WHAT ?!
I SEE.
I'M ON MY WAY!
BUSY AREN'T WE MAJOR?
FINE, GO AHEAD
THIS IS A CRITICAL TIME FOR YOU, AFTER ALL.

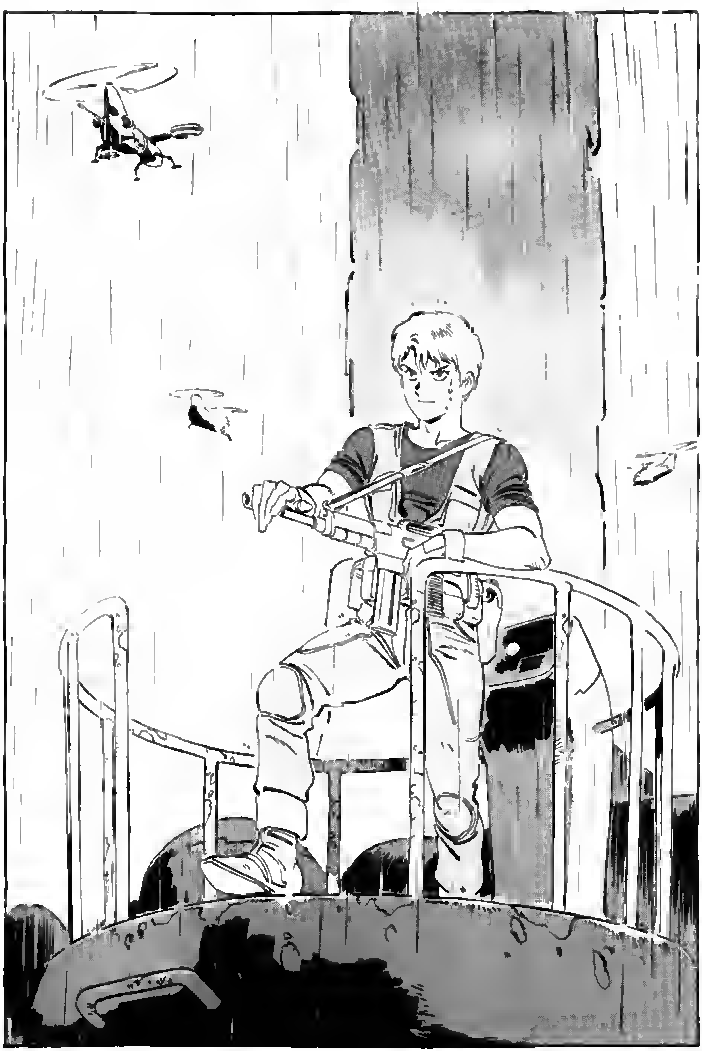

BUT NEXT TIME...
DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BEEPER OF YOURS BEFORE YOU COME HERE
I DON'T LIKE IT
IT'S IN AWFULLY POOR TASTE...

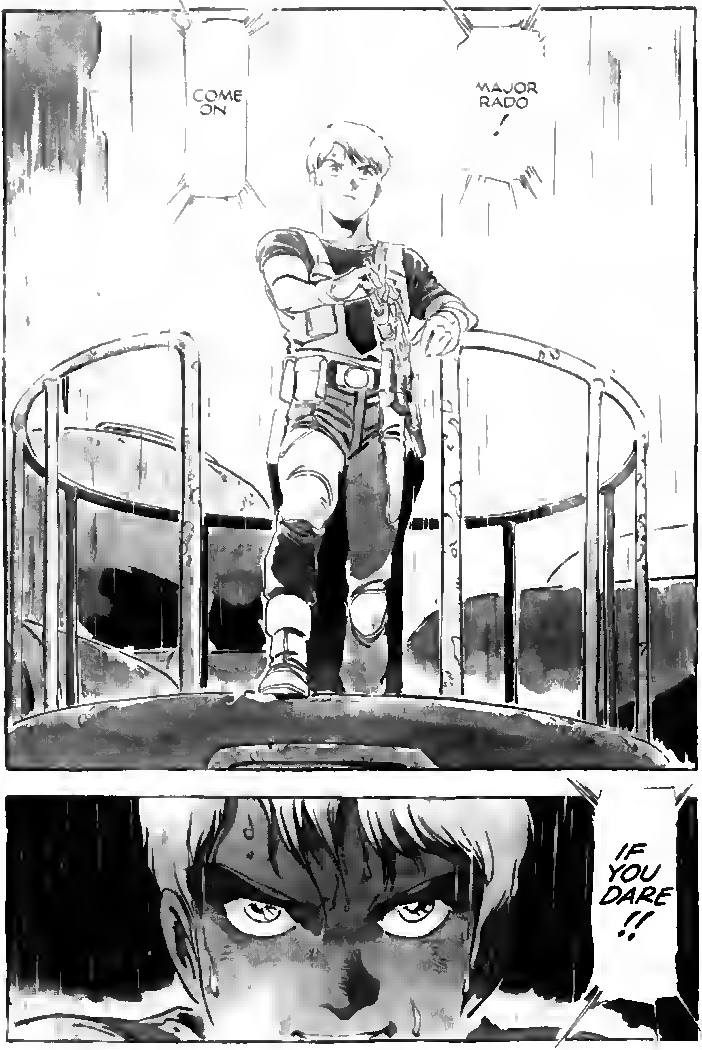
GOD-DAMN BITCH!
BRAMMM

GENERAL STAFF HEAD-QUARTERS
MAJOR!
THE MESSAGE WAS ADDRESSED SPECIFI-CALLY TO YOU, SIR!
SO WE HAVEN'T READ IT

TAKKA TAK
BEEP
THAT LITTLE PUNK

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP




COME ON
MAJOR RADO !
IF YOU DARE !!

THIS IS ABSURD!! WHY SHOULD A MAN IN MY POSITION--
--HAVE TO DEAL WITH A MERE CHILD?!
HAVE I UNDER-ESTIMATED HIM?!
NO
THIS IS JUST A SMALL PART OF THE BIG PICTURE

VREEEEEEE
VREEEEE
THE MEDIA'S HAVING A FIELD DAY
IT'S ALL OVER THE COM-NETS
THE SOONER WE TAKE CARE OF THIS THE BETTER

KWHOOSSHH
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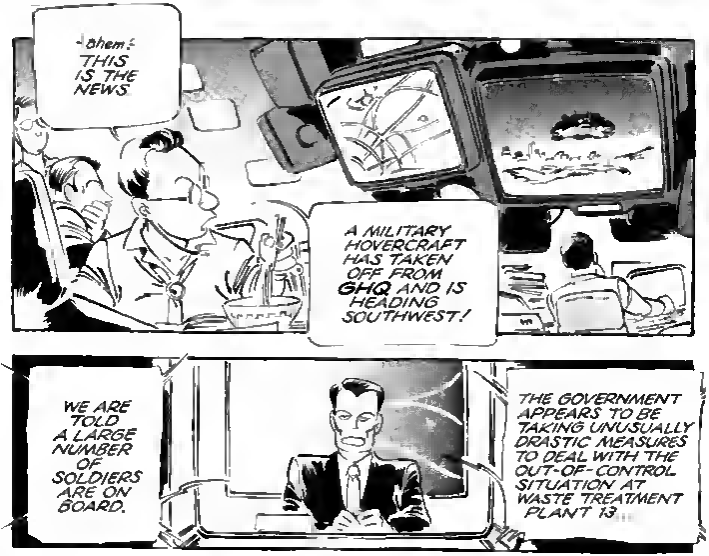
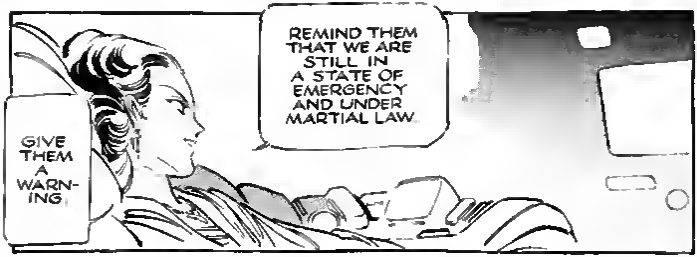

-Ahem-: THIS IS THE NEWS
A MILITARY HOVERCRAFT HAS TAKEN OFF FROM GHQ AND IS HEADING SOUTHWEST!
WE ARE TOLD A LARGE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS ARE ON BOARD.
THE GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO BE TAKING UNUSUALLY DRASTIC MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE OUT-OF-CONTROL SITUATION AT WASTE TREATMENT PLANT 13.

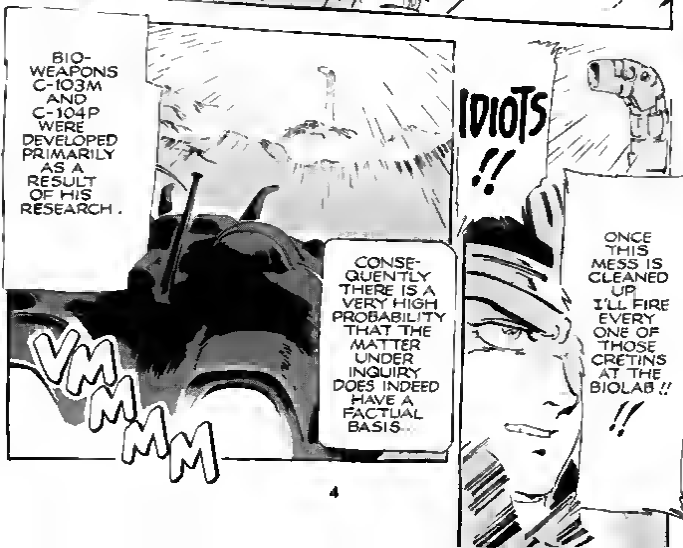
DENNIKEN!
THE MASS MEDIA ARE GETTING A BIT OUT OF HAND


REMIND THEM THAT WE ARE STILL IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND UNDER MARTIAL LAW.
GIVE THEM A WARN-ING.

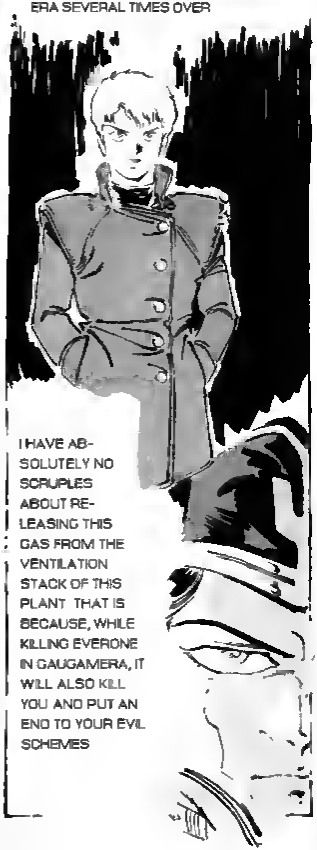
ALSO...
I WANT YOU TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON RADO'S MOVE-MENTS.

WE CHECKED WITH THE SCIENCE INSTITUTE--
--THIS IS A FULL REPORT ON THE BACKGROUND OF DR COLI, THE MANAGER AT WASTE TREATMENT PLANT 13

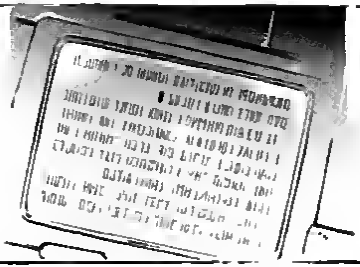
Iessee... DUE TO SERIOUS LEAKS OF CLASSIFIED GOVERNMENT INFORMATION BY THE INDIVIDUAL, HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM BACTERIO-LOGICAL RESEARCH LAB P6...
IN HIS PREVIOUS POST, HIS RESEARCH RECEIVED AN "EXCELLENT" RATING HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WORK DONE ON F-FACTOR BACTERIO-PHASES...


BIO-WEAPONS C-103M AND C-104P WERE DEVELOPED PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF HIS RESEARCH.
CONSE-QUENTLY THERE IS A VERY HIGH PROBABILITY THAT THE MATTER UNDER INQUIRY DOES INDEED HAVE A FACTUAL BASIS...
VMMMMM
IDIOTS !!
ONCE THIS MESS IS CLEANED UP I'LL FIRE EVERY ONE OF THOSE CRETINS AT THE BIOLAB !!
!!

MY ESTEEMED FORMER SUPERIOR OFFICER, MAJOR RADO ! NOW LIVE SUSTAINED ONLY BY MY HATRED FOR YOU ! AM WILLING TO DO ANYTHING IF IT EXTINGUISHES YOUR LIFE AND AVENGES LUISA RIGHT NOW ! HAVE IN MY POSSESSION SEVERAL CUBIC METERS OF BACTERIAL GAS DEVELOPED BY DR COLI THAT IS ENOUGH TO ANNIHILATE THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF GAUGAMERA SEVERAL TIMES OVER

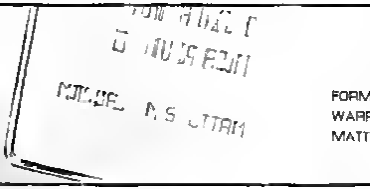

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO SCRUPLES ABOUT RELEASING THIS GAS FROM THE VENTILATION STACK OF THIS PLANT THAT IS BECAUSE, WHILE KILLING EVERONE IN GAUGAMERA, IT WILL ALSO KILL YOU AND PUT AN END TO YOUR EVIL SCHEMES

YOU TOYED WITH LUISA AND MADE HER A PAWN IN YOUR CONSPIRACY. I KNOW THAT YOU FORCED HER TO KILL LEBENDORFF—I HAVE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THIS. THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF WAYS IN WHICH I CAN MAKE THIS PUBLIC

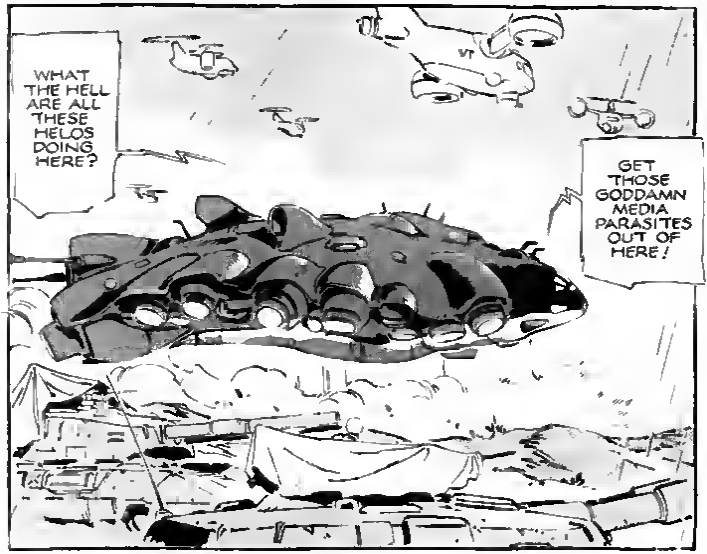


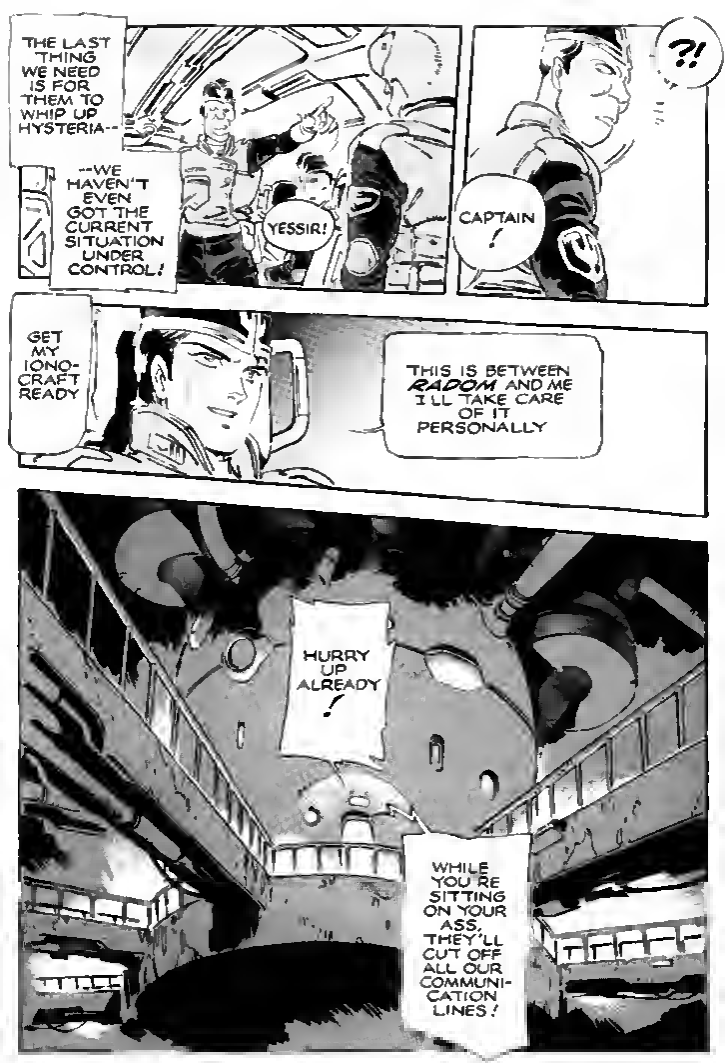
BUT I WILL NOT DO SO YET. I WOULD PREFER TO MEET YOU FACE TO FACE AND KILL YOU MYSELF

I AM WAITING. MY FINGER IS ON THE TRIGGER OF DESTRUCTION. THE REST IS UP TO YOU



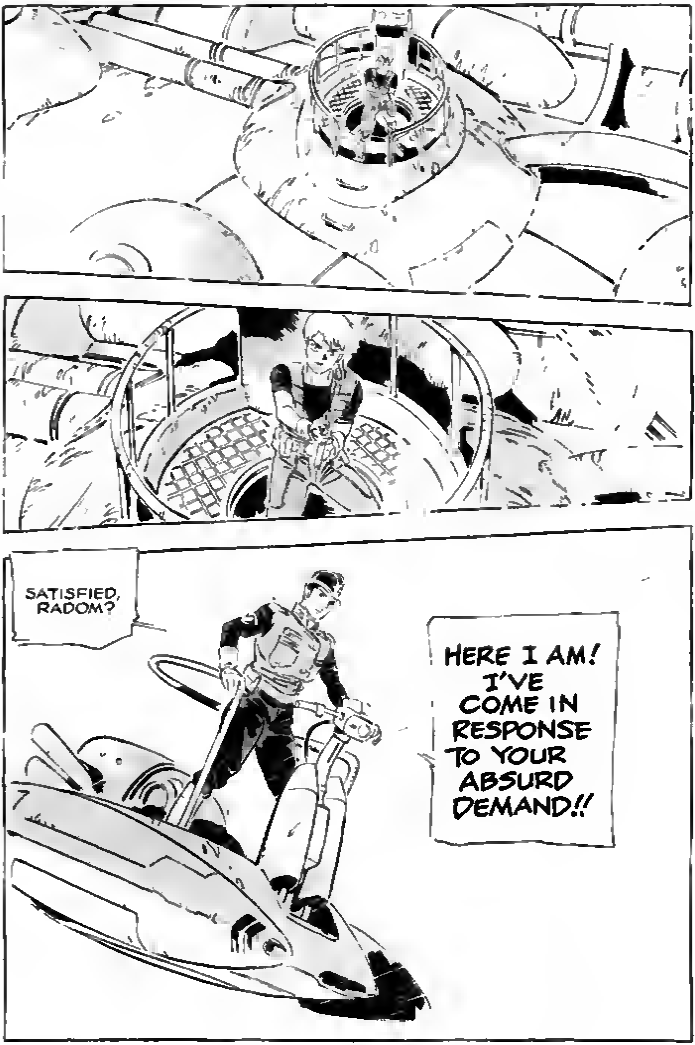
FORMER BODYGUARD
WARRANT OFFICER
MATTHEW SIM RADOM



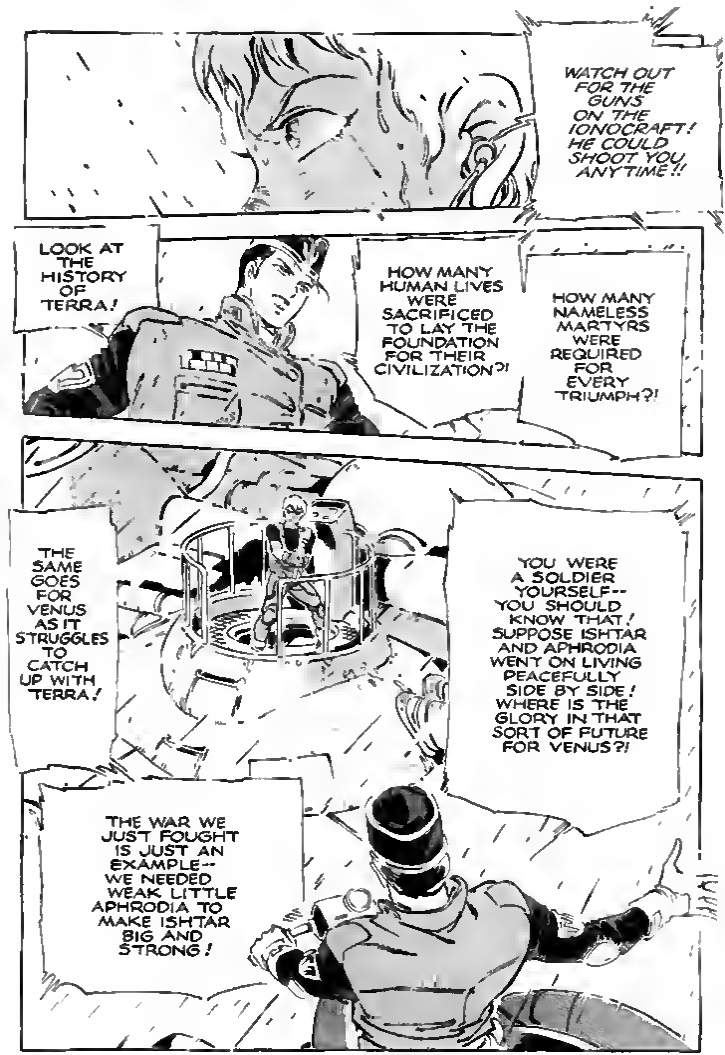

THE LAST THING WE NEED IS FOR THEM TO WHIP UP HYSTERIA--
--WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOT THE CURRENT SITUATION UNDER CONTROL!
YESSIR!
?!
CAPTAIN !
GET MY IONO-CRAFT READY
THIS IS BETWEEN RADOM AND ME I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT PERSONALLY
HURRY UP ALREADY !
WHILE YOU'RE SITTING ON YOUR ASS, THEY'LL CUT OFF ALL OUR COMMUNI-CATION LINES !

MATTHEW'S SAYING A BUNCH OF STUFF I DON'T QUITE FOLLOW--
--BUT IF WE DON'T GET PEOPLE'S ATTENTION, WE'RE DEAD!!
WHEN YOU'RE IN THE PUBLIC EYE, YOU GOTTA LOOK SHARP..
FIRST TIME I'VE WORN A TIE IN TEN YEARS
CALL YOUR FRIENDS CALL THE MEDIA, TALK TO ANYONE YOU CAN AND TELL 'EM TO COME HERE!
SEND SMOKE SIGNALS, USE A MODEM, WHATEVER!
HERE THEY COME!!
!!
IT'S ONE OF THOSE BIG ARMY HOVERCRAFTS THEY CALL "LADY BUGS"
CHRIST THIS IS REALLY BIG-TIME
?!

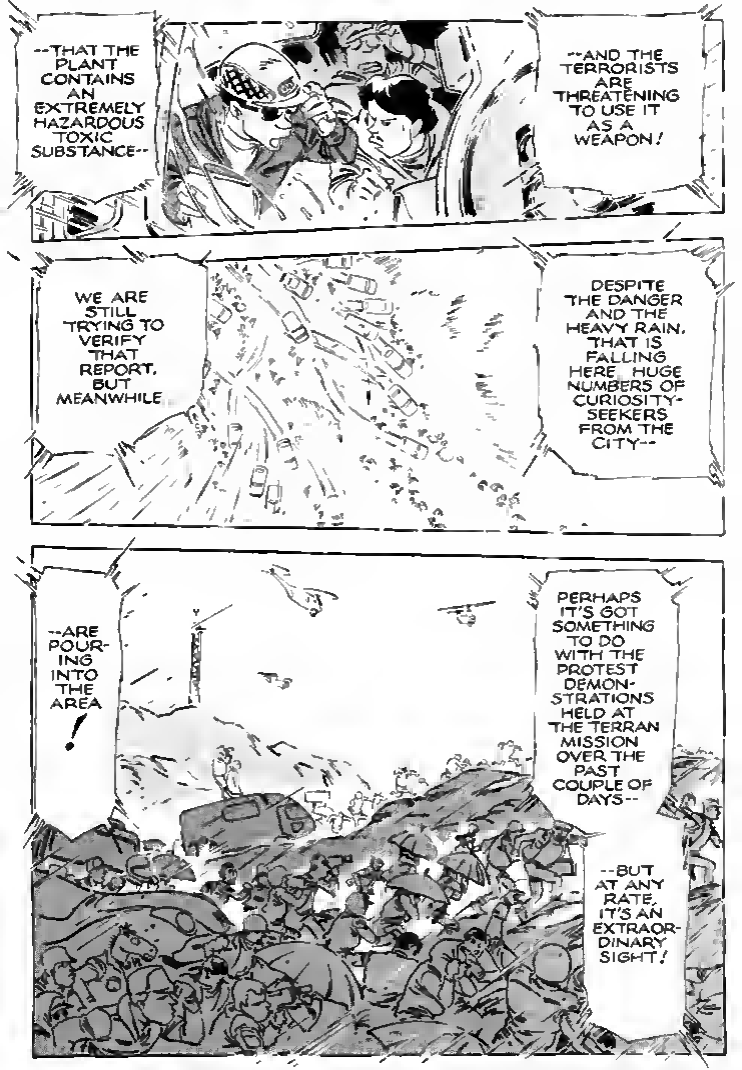
SOME-THING'S COMING!
IT'S AN IONO-CRAFT!
!
MATTHEW!!
MAJOR RADO!!
I THINK IT'S HIM!!
!
KA-WAK


SATISFIED, RADOM?
HERE I AM! I'VE COME IN RESPONSE TO YOUR ABSURD DEMAND!!

THIS IS UTTERLY UNHEARD OF! UNDERSTAND?!
I BEAR THE FUTURE OF ISHTAR ON MY SHOULDERS, WHILE YOU ARE LESS THAN NOTHING!
DON'T SHOOT ME YET--
--WHILE YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, I'M GOING TO CORRECT A FEW OF YOUR MISCONCEPTIONS FOR YOU
KEEP YOUR EYE ON HIM, MATT!!


WATCH OUT FOR THE GUNS ON THE IONOCRAFT! HE COULD SHOOT YOU ANYTIME!!
LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF TERRA!
HOW MANY HUMAN LIVES WERE SACRIFICED TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR THEIR CIVILIZATION?!
HOW MANY NAMELESS MARTYRS WERE REQUIRED FOR EVERY TRIUMPH?!
THE SAME GOES FOR VENUS AS IT STRUGGLES TO CATCH UP WITH TERRA!
YOU WERE A SOLDIER YOURSELF-- YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT! SUPPOSE ISHTAR AND APHRODIA WENT ON LIVING PEACEFULLY SIDE BY SIDE! WHERE IS THE GLORY IN THAT SORT OF FUTURE FOR VENUS?!
THE WAR WE JUST FOUGHT IS JUST AN EXAMPLE-- WE NEEDED WEAK LITTLE APHRODIA TO MAKE ISHTAR BIG AND STRONG!

WE SHALL DEFEAT TERRA! MORE THAN THAT-- WE'LL BUILD THE FUTURE OF VENUS ON THEIR PLANET TOO!!
THAT IS OUR ONLY PATH!
THOSE WHO DIE IN THE SERVICE OF SUCH A NOBLE TASK SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE HONOR!
SOMEONE ON AN IONOCRAFT IS ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE WITH ONE OF THE TERRORISTS!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
THE ARMY WON'T LET US GET ANY CLOSER BUT IT APPEARS THAT--
--MAJOR RADO OF THE GENERAL STAFF IS TRYING TO REASON WITH THE TERRORISTS ALL BY HIMSELF!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WE HAD ASSUMED THAT THE ARMY WAS UNWILLING TO LAUNCH A FRONTAL ASSAULT BECAUSE PLANT MANAGER COLI WAS BEING HELD HOSTAGE, BUT NOW WE HAVE AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT--


--THAT THE PLANT CONTAINS AN EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS TOXIC SUBSTANCE--
--AND THE TERRORISTS ARE THREATENING TO USE IT AS A WEAPON!
WE ARE STILL TRYING TO VERIFY THAT REPORT, BUT MEANWHILE
DESPITE THE DANGER AND THE HEAVY RAIN, THAT IS FALLING HERE, HUGE NUMBERS OF CURIOSITY-SEEKERS FROM THE CITY--
--ARE POUR-ING INTO THE AREA!
PERHAPS IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE PROTEST DEMON-STRATIONS HELD AT THE TERRAN MISSION OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS--
--BUT AT ANY RATE, IT'S AN EXTRAOR-DINARY SIGHT!

THOSE ARE JUST SELF-SERVING ARGU-MENTS!!
NO
NOT EVEN THAT, THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF EGOTISTICAL CRAP!!
WELL, IT MEANS NOTHING TO ME!!
WHO GAVE YOU THE RIGHT TO DO THE THINGS YOU'VE DONE?!
TO USE LUISA AND ME AS YOUR PAWNS! TO PLAY WITH US, TO KILL US!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHO GAVE YOU THE RIGHT?! TELL ME!!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
HMPH

A PHILOSOPHY LIKE YOURS, THAT IGNORES THE PAIN AND MISERY OF REAL FLESH-AND-BLOOD PEOPLE, BELONGS TO THE DEVIL!
YOUR FANCY TALK ABOUT CIVILIZATION AND PROGRESS JUST DELUDES PEOPLE AND MAKES THEM SUFFER IN THE END!
WHO CARES ABOUT TERRA?! OR ISHTAR?!
THE LIFE OF ONE PERSON, LUISA
...WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN ANY OF THAT!!
AHA HA HA HA HA HA
!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT?!
WHAT A SENTIMENTAL FOOL!
THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN STOMACH THANK YOU!

IT WAS A VERY NOBLE-SOUNDING SPEECH, BUT IT BETRAYS YOUR LIMITATIONS, TOO.
YOU'RE TRAPPED BY YOUR OWN NAIVETÉ
AND IT MADE SOME-THING VERY CLEAR
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HATE ME, YOU COULD NEVER KILL OFF THE INNOCENT PEOPLE OF GAUGAMERA!
YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS!!
?!
BUT I COULD DO IT! I WOULDN'T THINK TWICE ABOUT WIPING OUT THE WHOLE WORLD, IF I THOUGHT IT WAS NECESSARY!
THAT'S WHY I AM A MAN OF DESTINY!!

AS FOR YOU YOU SHOULD BE MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH THIS CHEAP LITTLE STUNT YOU'VE PULLED!
YOU'VE WASTED MY PRECIOUS TIME CALLING ME HERE! THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH!
GO AHEAD-- TRY AND KILL ME!!
SHOOT ME IF YOU CAN!!
VRWNN
!
VRWN
THERE YOU ARE!!

BUDDA
BUDDA
SPAK
SPAK
SPANGG
!!
OMMT!!

BASTARD
!!
VREEE

LOOK OUT!!
BRTTTT

AAH!
UMPH!
ARE YOU HIT?!
MATTHEW!
I'M OKAY!
GODDAMIT...
STAY PUT, LUPICA!
BUDDA BUDDA
SPAK SPAK
SPANGG

BKOOOM
RADO, YOU SCUM!!
YOU DOUBLE-CROSSED ME!!
HAH!
TELL ME THEN--
--BIGGER LIAR?
--WHO'S THE--

BLAM
SPAK
WHAT'S WRONG?
LOSE YOUR NERVE?
W-WHOA! SERIOUS BAD NEWS!
MISTER-- DO SOME-THING!
HRMM..

WELL IF I MUST-- LET ME TRY ONE OF THE LITTLE TRICKS I'VE PERFECTED OVER THE YEARS
GO FOR IT, PERFESSER!
BUT TO BE HONEST, IT'LL BE TOUGH TO HIT A TARGET THIS SMALL.
RIGHT ON!
YAA!
WHISSH
AIEEE!
YOW!
HAUPP!
WHIPP
WHSSHT

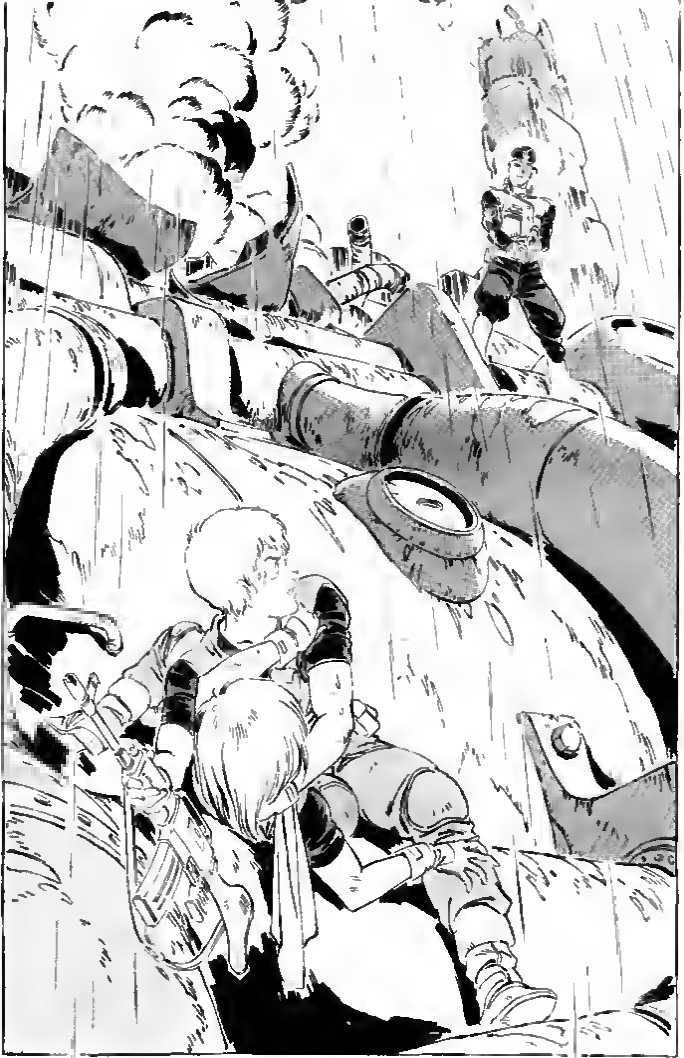
AWRIGHT!
JUST THE TICKET!
BRTTT
MATTHEW!
HELP'S ON THE WAY!!
SKRAK

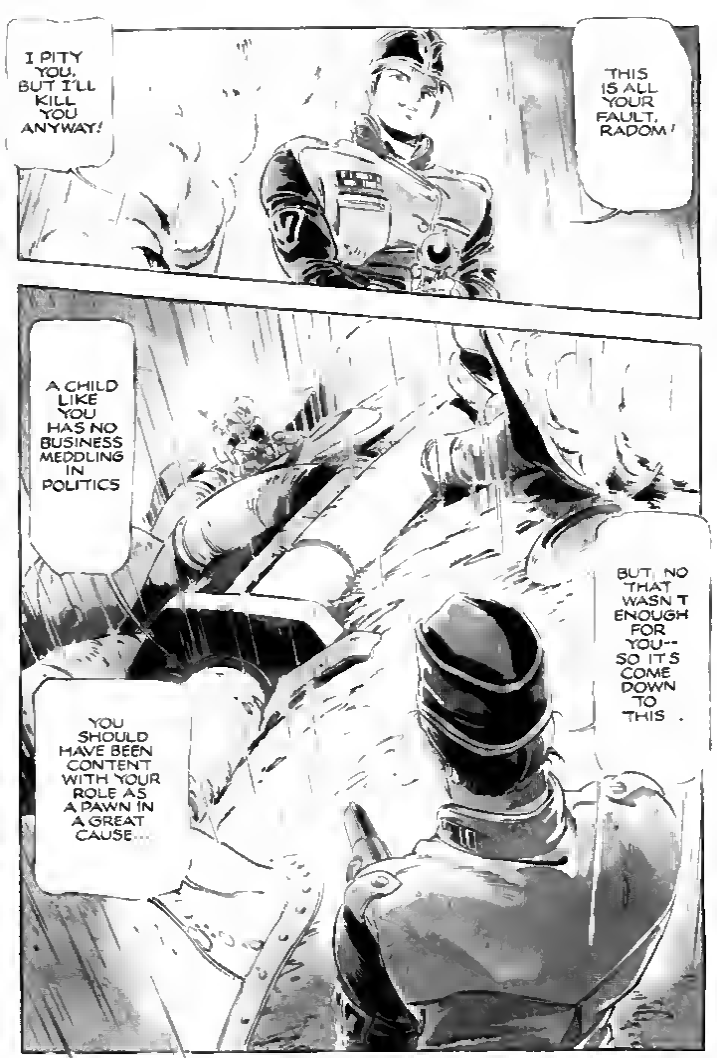
WHA-
?!
HEY,
WAIT!
WHOA
!!

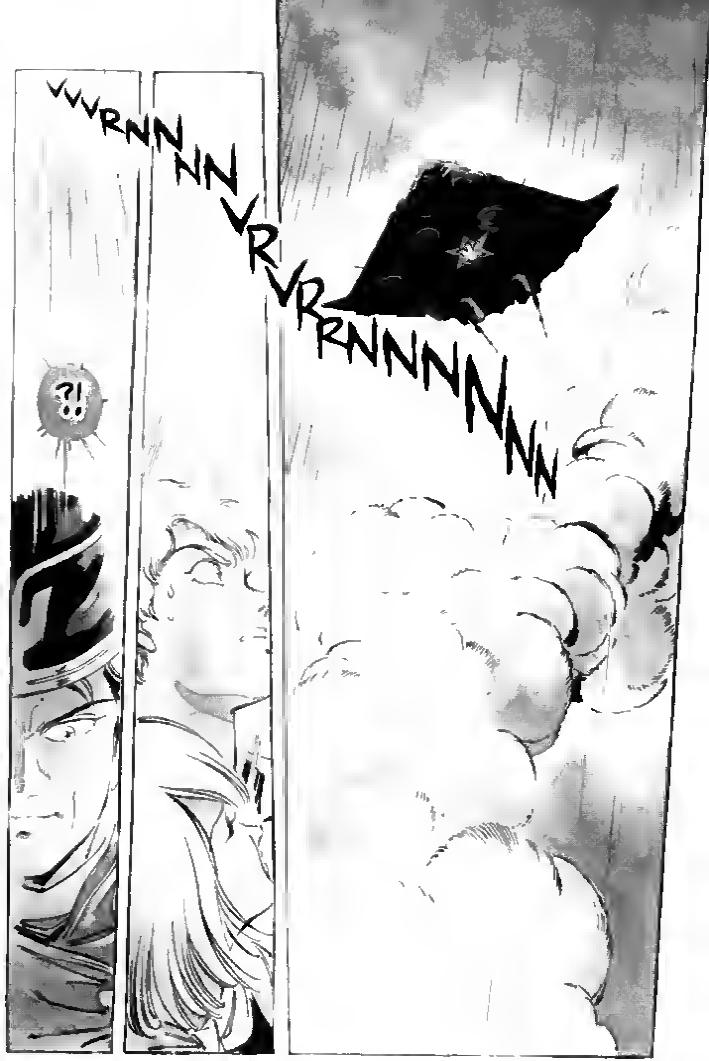
SKRASSH
LUPICA-!!

LUPICA!!
YOU OKAY ?!
HEY!!
AAH..
OWwww..
HANG ON LUPICA!!
SORRY
I SCREWED UP
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
LOOK!
HE'S COMING!

NEVER MIND ME! GO!
GET HIM!
HE'S THE KILLER--
OF THE WOMAN YOU LOVED!!
THIS FARCE HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH
RADOM




I PITY YOU, BUT I'LL KILL YOU ANYWAY!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, RADOM!
A CHILD LIKE YOU HAS NO BUSINESS MEDDLING IN POLITICS
BUT, NO THAT WASN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU-- SO IT'S COME DOWN TO THIS.
YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONTENT WITH YOUR ROLE AS A PAWN IN A GREAT CAUSE...


VVVRNNNNNVRVRRNNNNNNNN
?!

MAJOR RADO!
THIS INCIDENT FALLS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE SPECIAL SECURITY FORCES!
IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ARREST ALL PARTIES INVOLVED AND INTERROGATE THEM!!
WE CANNOT PERMIT YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION!
LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY!!
WHAT?!
YOU FOOLS!
YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS TO INTERFERE!
!

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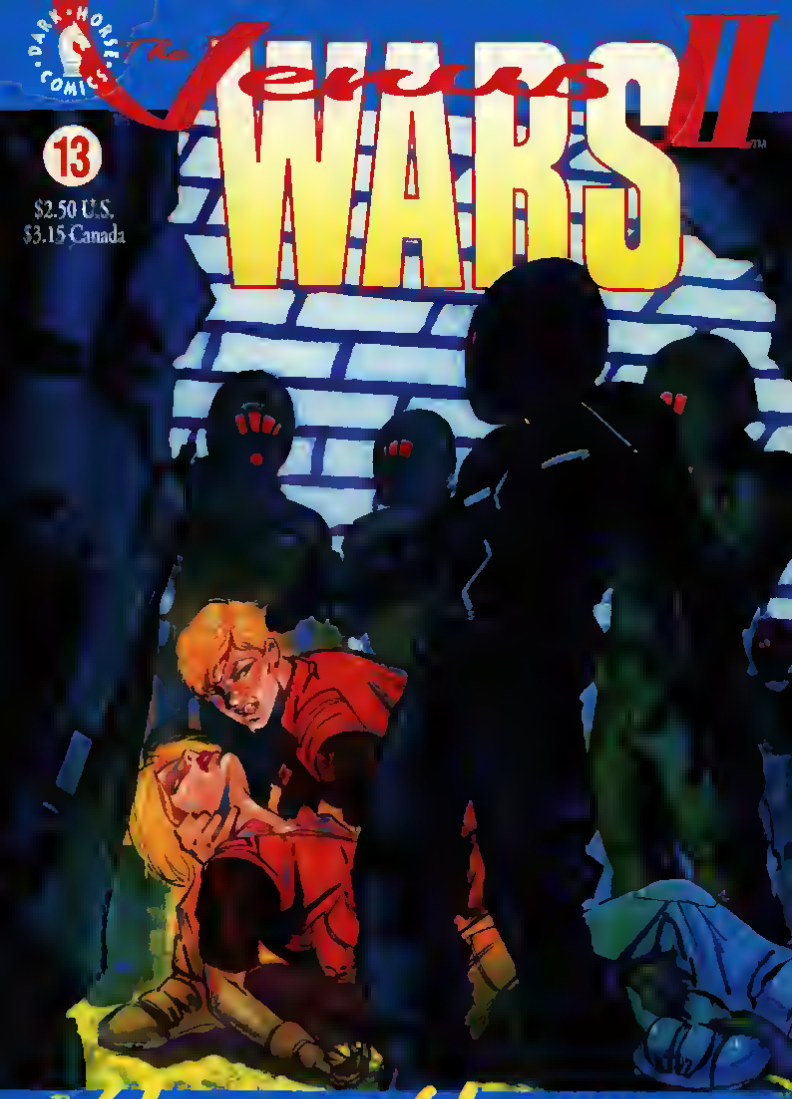

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The Venus WARS II

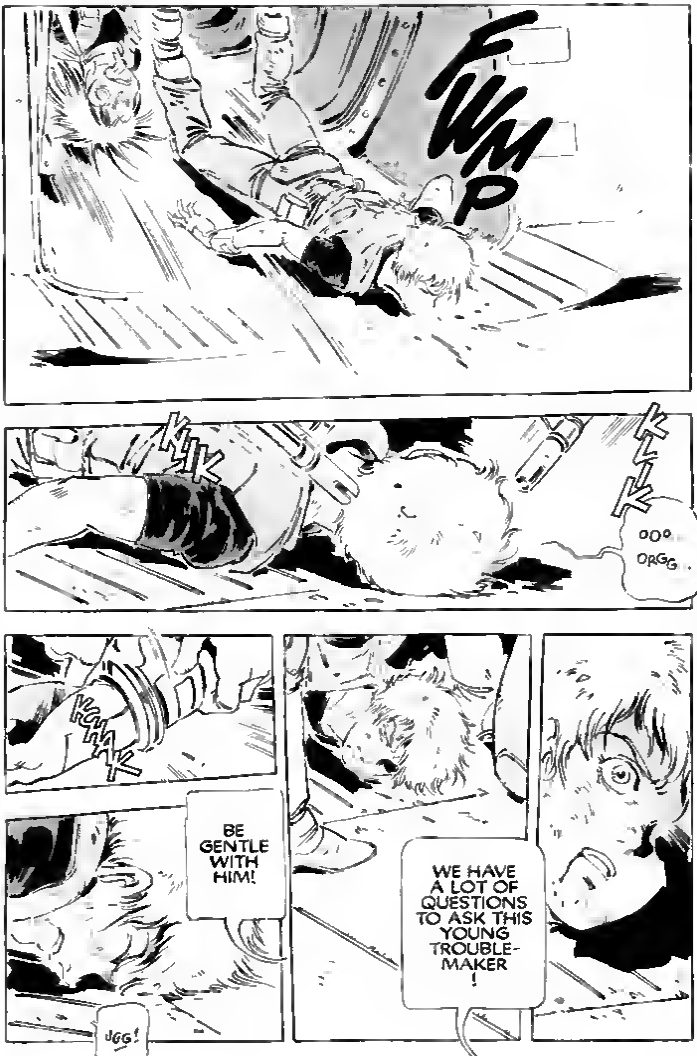
MAJOR RADO !!
BKOOM
CEASE AND DESIST !!
KCHAK
SHUT UP !
THESE ACTIONS OF THE SECURITY POLICE ARE MANDATED BY THE CONSUL HERSELF !
MAJOR !

VHOOSH
KRANGG
HHHH

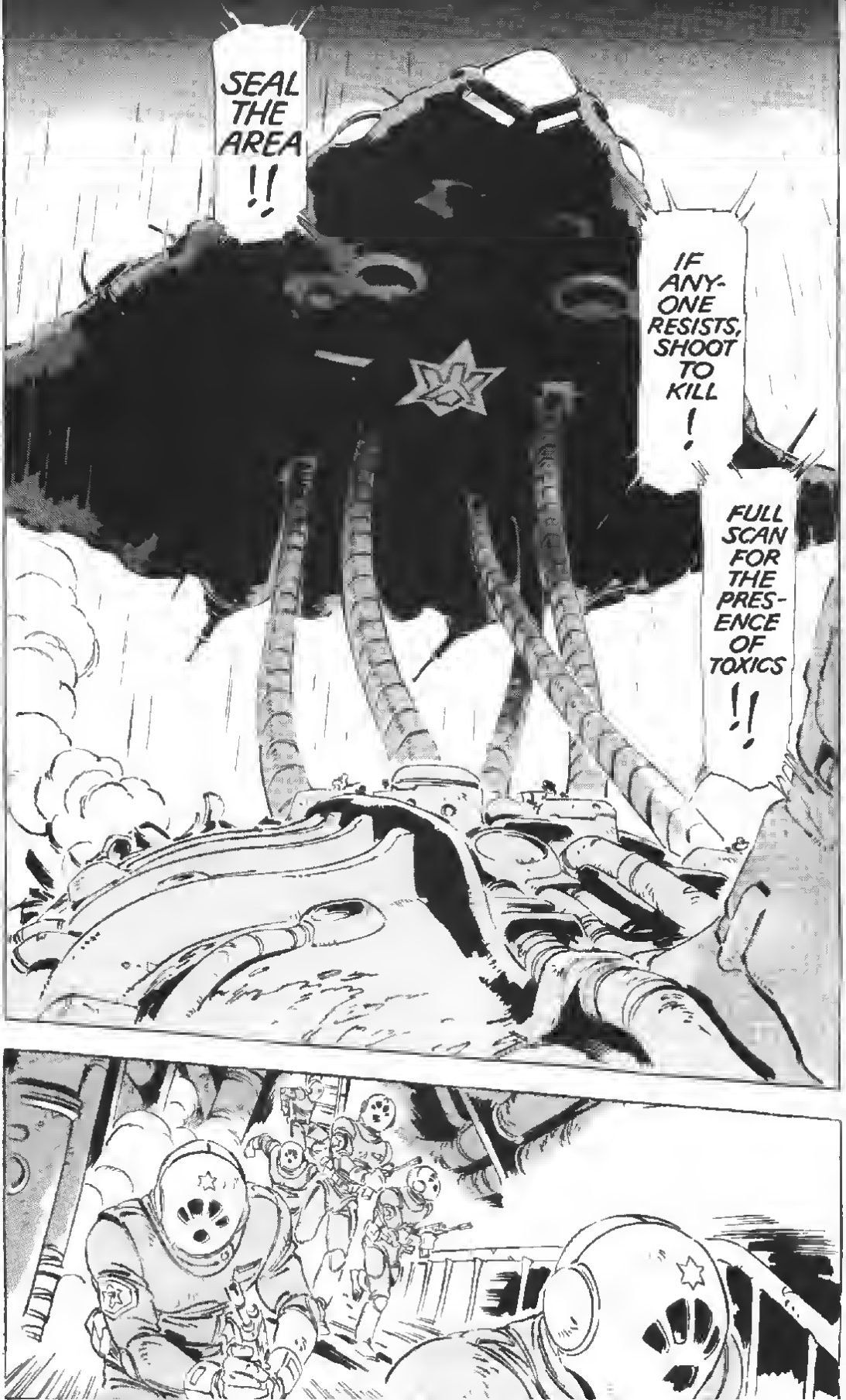
SHHH
HAHAHA
HEH...

WHD
FWD
DAMN IT ALL!
YOU BAS-TARDS!
GET 'EM OFF MY BACK!!
CAPTAIN WILLSON! DO SOME-THING ABOUT THESE JERKS!
"DO SOME-THING"...?
THERE'S NO-THING WE CAN DO, MAJOR.
THE SECURITY POLICE HAVE THE BACKING OF HER EXCELLENCY CONSUL LEBENDORFF!
I DON'T CARE!!

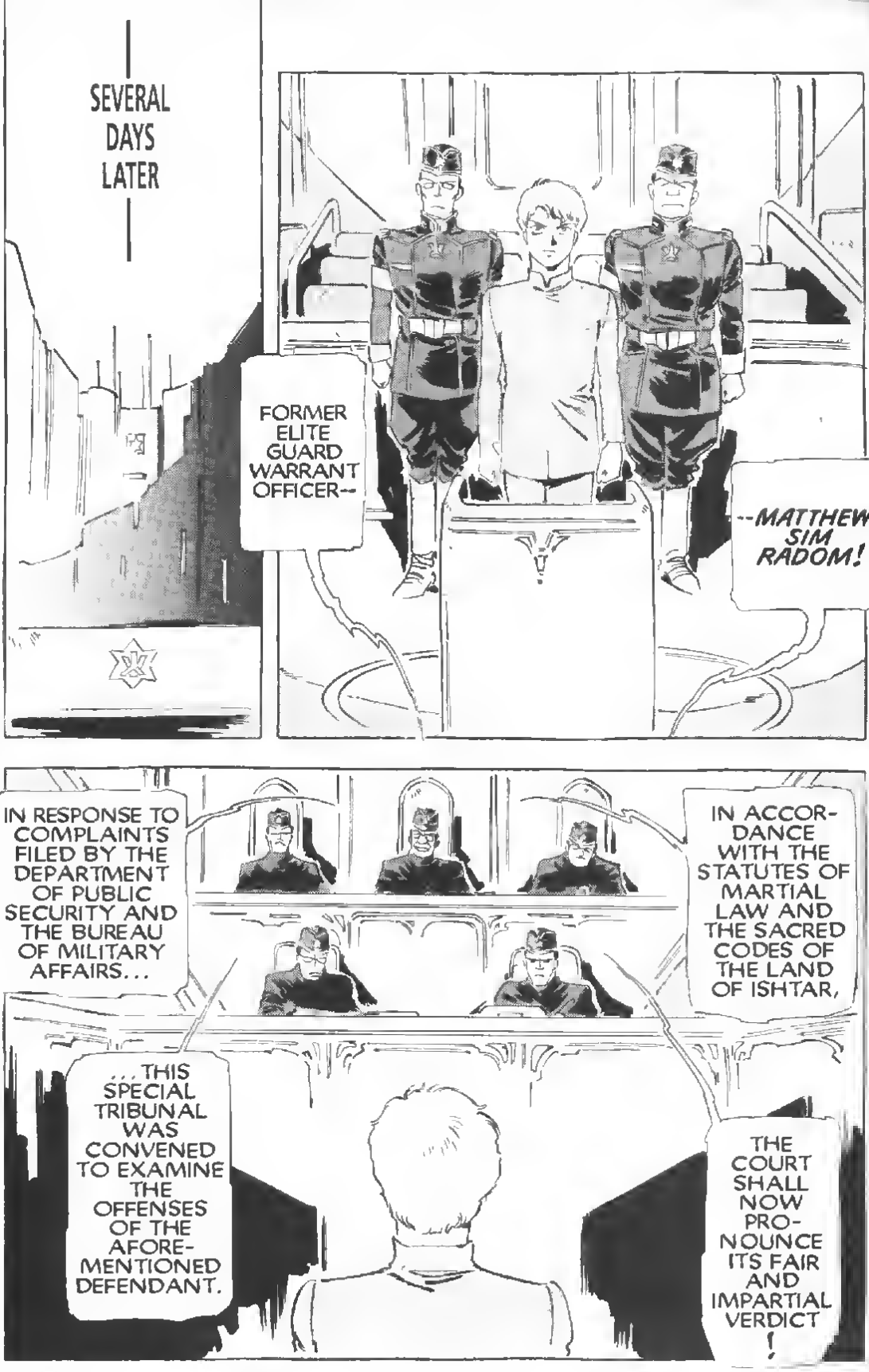
DON'T WORRY ABOUT GUDRUNE !!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER WHEN THIS IS OVER !
MAJOR RADO !
STOP IT !!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE DOING ?!
BAM
BLAM


FWMP
OOO
ORGG
KNNK
BE GENTLE WITH HIM!
JGG!
WE HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS TO ASK THIS YOUNG TROUBLE-MAKER!

Y-YOU ...!
WHY --
I RECOGNIZE THAT ISHTAR HAS THE FIRST CLAIM TO INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE BUT LET ME REMIND YOU--
--THIS SUSPECT IS ALSO A CRUCIAL WITNESS IN THE CASE OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF A SPECIAL INSPECTOR OF THE SPACE FORCE--NAMELY ME.
THE TERRAN SPACE FORCE HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED AND RECEIVED CONSENT TO CONDUCT ITS OWN INVESTIGATION.
SO WE EXPECT YOUR FULL COOPERATION IN DELIVERING HIM TO OUR CUSTODY!
OW!
WATCH IT, YOU GOONS!
I'M HURT, DAMN IT!
HELEN ...


SEAL THE AREA !!
IF ANY-ONE RESISTS, SHOOT TO KILL !
FULL SCAN FOR THE PRES-ENCE OF TOXICS !!

WE GIVE!
YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!!
HAND OVER ALL YOUR CONTRA-BAND GOODS IMMEDIA-TELY!!
Huh?
DON'T BE A SMARTASS! I WANT EVERYTHING!!
....
....
....
?
?
CHEESE
JAM
WINE
BEER


SEVERAL DAYS LATER
FORMER ELITE GUARD WARRANT OFFICER--
--MATTHEW SIM RADOM!
IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS FILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SECURITY AND THE BUREAU OF MILITARY AFFAIRS...
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTES OF MARTIAL LAW AND THE SACRED CODES OF THE LAND OF ISHTAR,
...THIS SPECIAL TRIBUNAL WAS CONVENED TO EXAMINE THE OFFENSES OF THE AFORE-MENTIONED DEFENDANT.
THE COURT SHALL NOW PRONOUNCE ITS FAIR AND IMPARTIAL VERDICT!

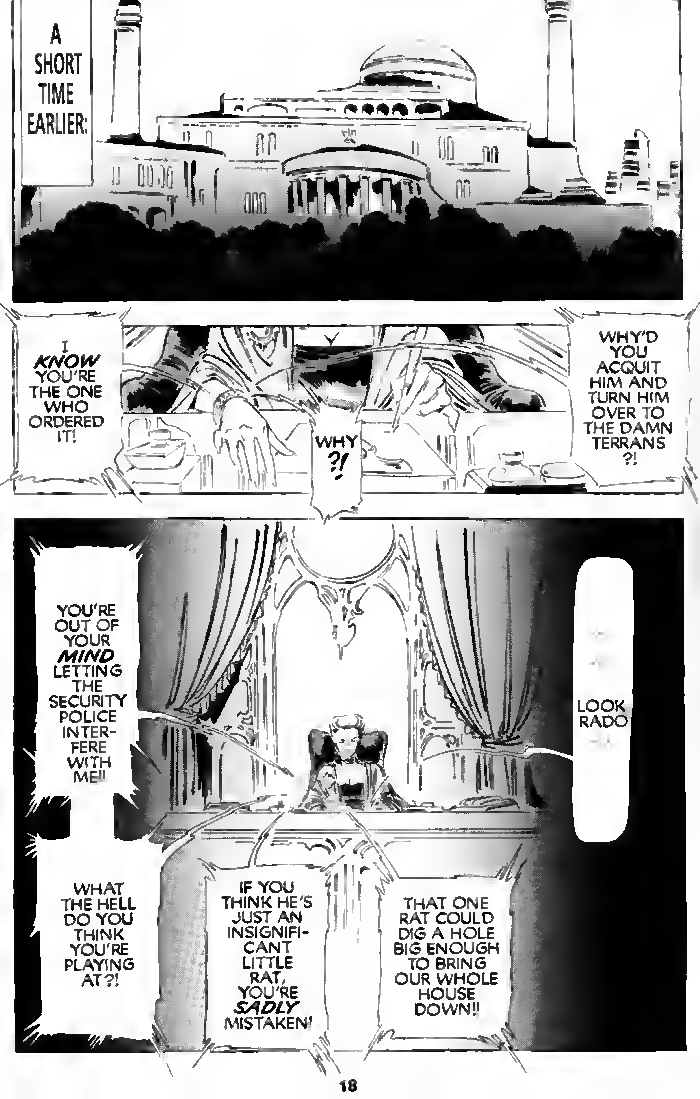
WE FIND THE DEFEN-DANT--
--NOT GUILTY.
WAIT A MINUTE!! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NOT GUILTY" ...?!
IF I'M BEING PROSE-CUTED UNDER MARTIAL LAW ...
...I SHOULD BE SHOT, NO QUES-TION ABOUT IT!
THE DEFEN-DANT IS NOT GUILTY!
WE ORDER HIM RE-LEASED FROM CUSTODY!
REMOVE HIM FROM THE COURT!
W--
WAIT A SEC-OND!!
THIS IS NUTS!

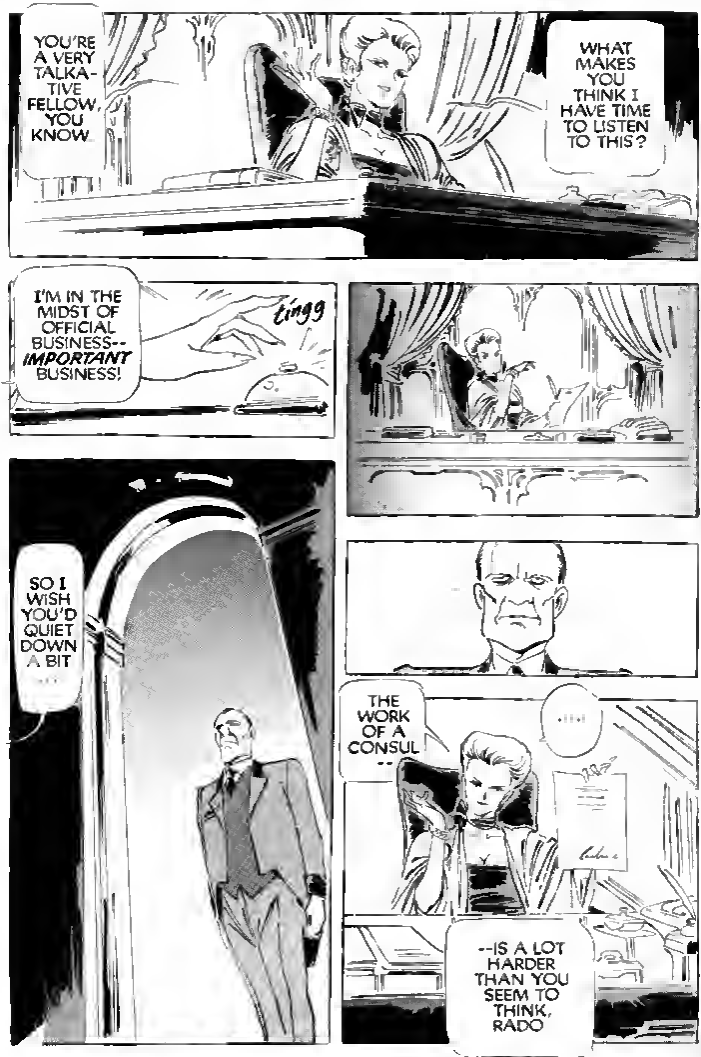
THIS IS A FARCE!
A HOAX!
A FRAUD!
WHUD-
WELL, WELL, MATTHEW, MY BOY!
GOOD TO SEE YOU SAFE AND SOUND!
!
NOW, NOW!
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!
YOU SHOULD BE GLAD YOU GOT YOUR ASS OUT OF THERE IN ONE PIECE!
OF COURSE IT WAS A PURELY POLITI-CAL DEAL
BUT THEN --
--THE STRAIGHT-ARROW WORLD YOU DREAM OF DOESN'T EXIST ANY-WHERE, ANYWAY

BUT NEVER MIND ALL THAT THE REAL TROUBLE STARTS NOW.
WE GOT ISHTAR TO AGREE TO LET THE SPACE FORCE TAKE CUSTODY OF YOU. BUT THEY REFUSED TO HAND YOU OVER DIRECTLY.
BASICALLY THEY SAID THEY WON'T TAKE ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHATEVER HAPPENS TO YOU ONCE YOU'RE RELEASED.
AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE A BIG ELABORATE CUSTODY TRANSFER, SINCE THAT WOULD BLOW THE COVER OFF OUR SECRET DEAL.
THAT'S WHY THE TWO OF US CAME TO MEET YOU... LT. MACLUTH IS TOO WELL-KNOWN TO BE SEEN HERE--
QUESTIONS WOULD BE ASKED.
FRANKLY, MY BOY, YOU'RE IN A VERY TIGHT SPOT.
RADO'S FACTION KNOWS ABOUT YOUR ACQUITTAL AND THEY WANT TO GET YOU.
YOUR LIFE'S IN DANGER THE MOMENT YOU STEP OUT OF THIS BUILDING.
I KNOW YOU HAVE A LOT ON YOUR MIND.
.. SO JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING UP TO US FOR NOW.
I HAVE A PERFECT PLAN!
?!
HAS A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

I
I JUST KNEW IT WOULD BE SOME-THING LIKE THIS!
WOW!
HOT BABE IN UNI-FORM!
UM HEY!
WHAT ABOUT ME?
NOW!
FOR-WARD! OUT INTO NO-MAN'S LAND!!

L-
LIEUTENANT!
T-THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK.
WHAT?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO LUPICA AND THE OTHERS?
DON'T WORRY!
WE'RE TOLD THEY GOT THE SAME TREATMENT YOU DID--
KRAK
YEE-OWW!
M-MY ANKLE!
BE A MAN, WILL YA?!
WE'RE IN ENEMY TERRITORY!
WHAT'S A SPRAINED ANKLE OR TWO?!
HE SAYS I'M TIGHT, TOO


A SHORT TIME EARLIER:
I KNOW YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ORDERED IT!
WHY ?!
WHY'D YOU ACQUIT HIM AND TURN HIM OVER TO THE DAMN TERRANS ?!
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND LETTING THE SECURITY POLICE INTERFERE WITH ME!!
LOOK RADO
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE PLAYING AT?!
IF YOU THINK HE'S JUST AN INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE RAT, YOU'RE SADLY MISTAKEN!
THAT ONE RAT COULD DIG A HOLE BIG ENOUGH TO BRING OUR WHOLE HOUSE DOWN!!


YOU'RE A VERY TALKA-TIVE FELLOW, YOU KNOW.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO THIS?
I'M IN THE MIDST OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS-- IMPORTANT BUSINESS!
tingg
SO I WISH YOU'D QUIET DOWN A BIT...
THE WORK OF A CONSUL --
--IS A LOT HARDER THAN YOU SEEM TO THINK, RADO

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PUT YOU ON HOLD FOR A WHILE
Hah
AND THAT APPLIES TO OUR LITTLE MEETINGS, TOO
KLIK

...
...
...
!
KLAK
DENNIKEN!
I'M CALLING AN EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING! ISSUE AN URGENT SUMMONS!!
YES, MADAME!
KCHK

WHOOSH

THE CONSULAR PALACE HAS BEEN BLOWN UP !!
WHAT ?!
BY WHO ?!
WHY ?!
CONSUL LEBENDORFF IS DEAD !!

THE CORRUPT OLD ORDER HAS BEEN DESTROYED !!
IT'S AN ACT OF GOD !
ORDER THE GUAGAMERA GARRISON TO SEIZE THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES !!
CONTACT GENERAL KARNOV IMMEDIATELY !!
OCCUPY THE MASS MEDIA OFFICES AND RELAY STATIONS !!
THE SECURITY POLICE BARRACKS, TOO !!
STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT !!

THIS IS A REVOLUTION BY THE NEW GENERATION OF VENUS!!
THE DAYS OF MEEK SUBMISSION TO THE TERRAN IMPERIALISTS ARE OVER!!
WE, THE NEW GENERATION --
-- SHALL BUILD A STRONG, UNITED VENUS WITH OUR OWN HANDS!!

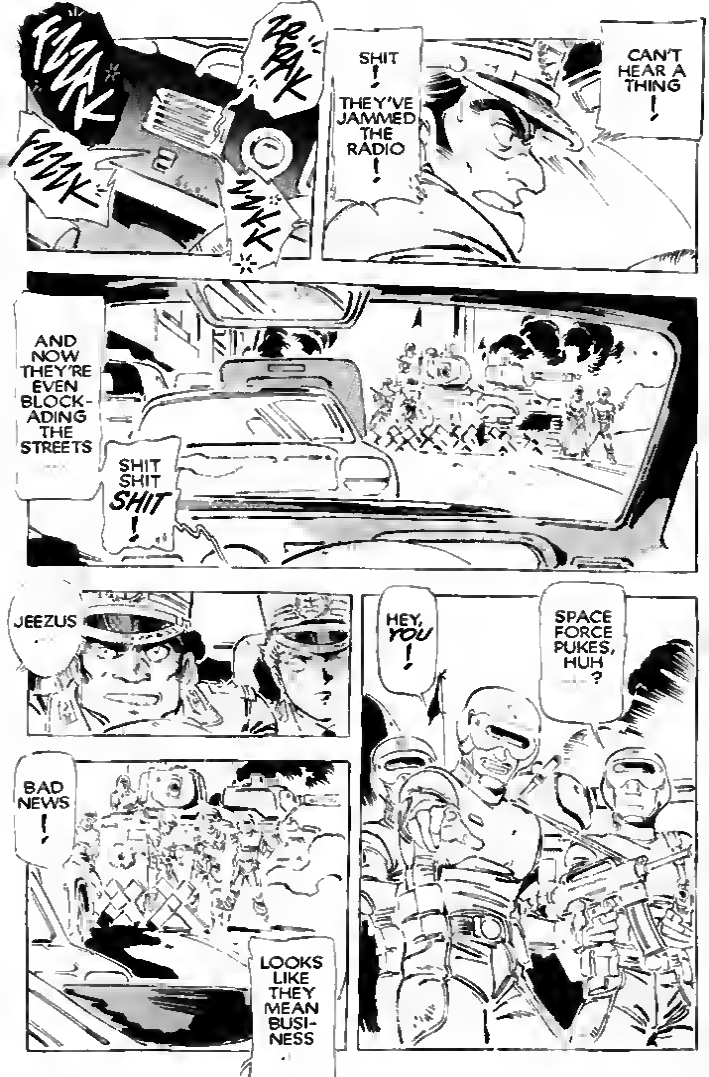
TODAY WE TAKE THAT FIRST STEP !!
HISTORY WILL FOR-EVER REMEM-BER THIS DAY!!
JOIN WITH ME IN THIS STRUGGLE AND YOUR NAMES WILL BE IMMORTALIZED!
GRNNGRNN

BOOM
WHAMM
WHKOOM
AAAAHH!
METRO

WHA-
WHAT TH' HELL?!
SOME-THING'S
GOING ON BACK THERE!
WHSSHH
BRAAM
UHK!
IT'S A COUP D'ETAT !!
RADO ...?!

GRNGRNN

WHAM
BOOM


FZZAK
FZZAK
ZRAK
ZZAK
SHIT!
THEY'VE JAMMED THE RADIO!
CAN'T HEAR A THING!
AND NOW THEY'RE EVEN BLOCK-ADING THE STREETS
SHIT SHIT SHIT!
JEEZUS
BAD NEWS!
LOOKS LIKE THEY MEAN BUSI-NESS.
HEY, YOU!
SPACE FORCE PUKES, HUH...?

OUT!!
NGG
HEY, WHAT'S THIS?
A LADY OFFICER, EH?
heh heh...
MUST BE OUR LUCKY DAY.
KANG
KANG
FRIGGIN' REDNECK GRUNTS!
KANG
KANG
DON'T WORRY. THIS CAR CAN TAKE IT!
KEEP COOL!
DON'T PISS THEM OFF!
KANG
KANG
GET OUT!!

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IDIOTS!!
YOU SHOULD BE
ASHAMED!!
Ulp!
EEP!
NO
DON'T DO THIS
WELL?!
YOU CALL YOURSELVES SOLDIERS OF THE GLORIOUS ISHTAR ARMY?!

ER
WHO ?!
FWAP
YOU MAKE ME SICK !!
FIGURE IT TAKES TEN OF YOU TO TAKE ON A SINGLE FEMALE OFFICER?!
ALL RIGHT, FINE!!
THEN COME ON AND TRY SOMETHING, YOU LOW-LIFE THUGS!!
YOU'RE THE SCUM OF ISHTAR !!
GO AHEAD! MAKE MY DAY!!
!!!
JESUS H KEE-RIST

?!
HEY-
WARRANT OFFICER RADOM ?!
IS THAT YOU? IT IS, ISN'T IT!!
MATTHEW RADOM!!
.....
.....
T-THAT'S OFFICER RADOM ?!
HEYY, NO SHIT !
OH, YEAH ?!
THIS IS OUR LUCKY DAY !
ALL RIGHT !
HEY, WHAT'S WITH THE BROAD'S UNIFORM, SIR?

?
Huh ?!
HAIL WARRANT OFFICER RADOM! OUR TROOPS WERE FORMERLY ATTACHED TO THE SEVENTH TRAINING SQUAD...
...TWENTY-FIRST COMPANY, THIRD TECHNICAL BATTALION OF THE FORMER ELITE GUARD!!
?
?!
!!
THE SEVENTH...
...TRAINING SQUAD...

(SEE VENUS WARS II #1--ED)

THAT WAS A STINKIN' TRAP, AND WE WERE ALL CAUGHT IN IT TOGETHER.
AFTER THAT INCIDENT, THEY DISBANDED THE ELITE GUARDS...
...AND NOW WE'RE JUST ENLISTED MEN IN THE REGULAR ARMY.
HELL, EVERYBODY KNOWS NOW THAT THE WHOLE THING WAS ENGINEERED BY THE TOP BRASS
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT --
--IN FACT ...
...IF YOU HADN'T BEEN THERE, WE WOULD'A BEEN KILLED
AND NOW THIS BULL-SHIT FARCE !
DAMN RIGHT! IT'S ALL FOR SHOW !
THAT FRIGGIN' RADO AND HIS PALS ON THE GENERAL STAFF ARE BEHIND IT!!

WKAMM
YOU MEAN
YOU GUYS AREN'T
DAMN STRAIGHT!
YA THINK WE'D SUPPORT A COUP BY THOSE BASTARDS? WE'RE GONNA KICK THEIR BUTTS!!
THAT TRASH THEY'RE TALKIN' ABOUT YOU, SIR--
--IS TOTAL CRAP!
YOU'RE A REAL HERO!
RIGHT ON!
THE SEVENTH TRAINING SQUAD'S ON YER SIDE!!

NOW LISSEN UP!!
SQUAD LEADER RADOM HAS RE-TURNED!
RAM
FROM THIS MOMENT FORWARD, OFFICER RADOM IS OUR COMMANDER!
CORPO-RAL! Y'MEAN WE--
YOU GOT IT, ENOUGH OF THIS CHECK-POINT CRAP!
WE GOT REAL WORK TO DO!
YAHOO!
WE'RE GONNA STORM GEN-ERAL STAFF H.Q. !!
WE'LL TEACH 'EM TO SCREW WITH THE ELITE GUARD!
H-HOLD ON THERE!
I'VE RESIGNED! I'M NOT AN OFFICER OR ANYTHING ANYMORE!.
NO PROB !!
WE'RE FIGHTIN' THE SAME ENEMY, AIN'T WE?
WAK
er AHEM

I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR CELEBRATION, BUT..
IN POINT OF FACT, Y'SEE
THE PERSON OF MATTHEW RADOM--
--HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE SPACE FORCES BY MUTUAL AGREE--
ulp!
AIEEE!
DON'T HURT HIM--
YEEP!
YAARGH!

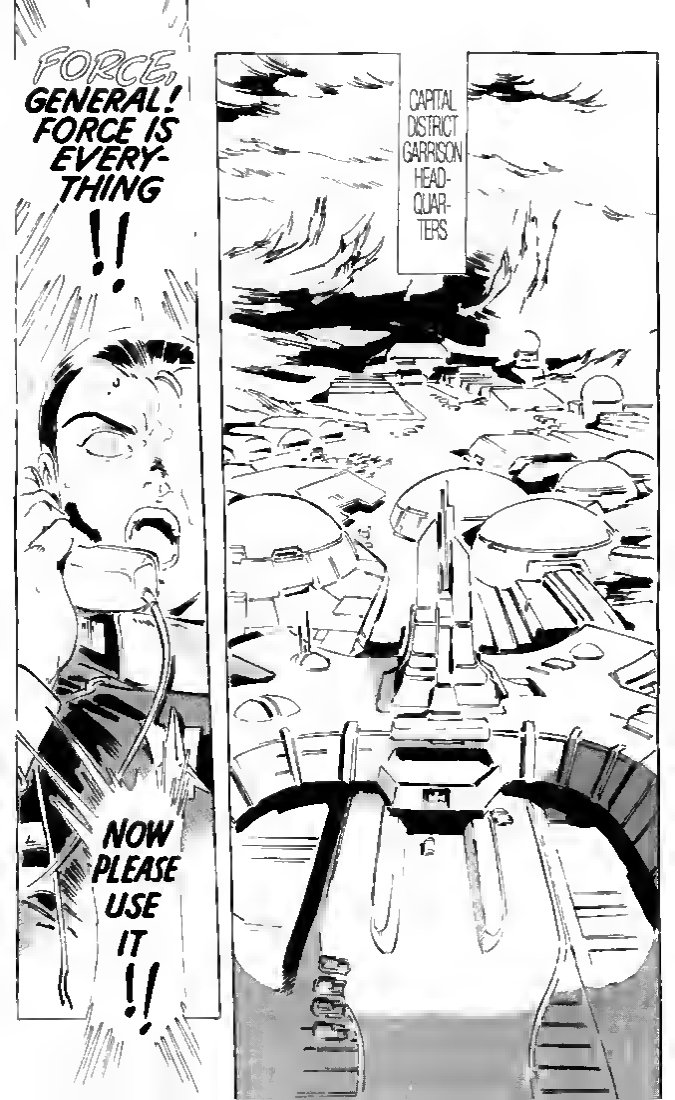
GUPH!
UHOH. LEGGO!
HEY!
WHA-!
OW!
WATCH IT!
SQUAAAAD, MOOVE OUT!
THIS SEQUENCE CENSORED IN THE NAME OF GOOD TASTE
JEEZ
W-WAIT!
HEY, COME BACK!
Sniff
NOW I'M REALLY SCREWED
I-I CAN'T EVEN--
--GET OUTTA THE CAR

BROOM
INANNA HOTEL
BRTTT

BKAM BKAM BKAM BKAM
TV
WHOOM
BUT WHY, GENERAL ?!

WHY AREN'T YOU MOBILIZING YOUR TROOPS ?!
NOW IS THE MOST CRITICAL TIME !!
THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL FALL WITH ONE PUSH !
GENERAL KARNOV! WITH YOUR HEAVY ARMORED DIVISION, IT SHOULD BE LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY !!
THAT'S THE KEY TO VICTORY !
ALL OF ISHTAR WILL BE OURS !!
.... AHA
... I SEE
YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SHARE OF THE SPOILS, IS THAT IT?
tap
tap

DON'T WORRY, GENERAL! THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER POST YOU DESIRE!
DEFENSE MINISTER, CHIEF OF STAFF, EVEN SECRETARY OF STATE IF YOU LIKE!
NEW ENEMY FORCE IN BLOCK FIVE!
THEY'RE PRESSING US HARD!
HEY!
SOMEONE'S IN BLOCK FIVE!
DAMN IT...
WHO ARE YOU AFRAID OF, GENERAL?! ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HOLD ALL THE CARDS!
GUDRENE IS DEAD!
SHE'S GONE!!
THE REST ARE SMALL FRY!


FORCE, GENERAL! FORCE IS EVERY-THING !!
NOW PLEASE USE IT !!
CAPITAL DISTRICT GARRISON HEAD-QUAR-TERS

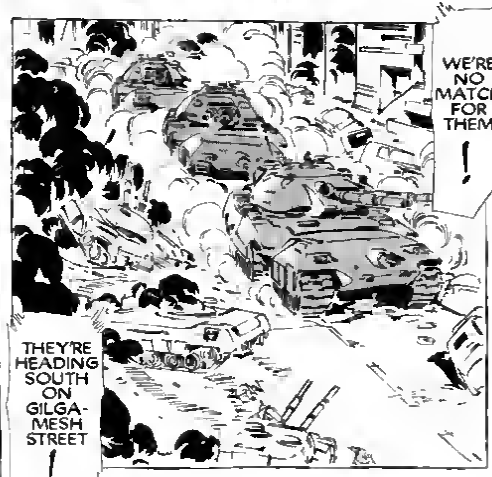
YES, YES, I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
DON'T GET SO FIRED UP, MAJOR.
YOU CAN'T EXPECT A GREAT UNDERTAKING THAT WILL CHANGE THE COURSE OF OUR NATION'S HISTORY TO BE FINISHED OVERNIGHT
THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU YOUNG-STERS..
BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT-- SINCE I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR FEARS ABOUT THE SITUATION .
..I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, AND WITH ALL DUE SPEED. IS THAT ACCEPTABLE?
GENERAL!
W-WAIT
KLIK

VERY GOOD, GENERAL.
NOW THEN . . .
. . . WITH "ALL DUE SPEED" . . .
MADAM, I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.
SO TO SPEAK . . !

BRAM

ADMIRAL A-1 TANKS FROM THE CAPITAL GARRISON ARE ATTACKING US!!

Wha?!


WE'RE NO MATCH FOR THEM!
THEY'RE HEADING SOUTH ON GILGA-MESH STREET!

KARNOV, YOU BASTARD
YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING SCUM!
KKOOM
WHAM

SHAK
SHAK
SHAK
AAAHH!
BUT WHY ?!
EVERYTHING WAS PERFECTLY ARRANGED .
I THOUGHT !
MAJOR RADO !
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING ?!

SIR OUR PLAN--
--HAS FAILED.
IT'S TIME TO CUT OUR LOSSES
CIVIL WAR WILL GAIN VENUS NOTHING
?
MAJOR --
BLAM
BLAM

AAH.
YAAHHH
SHUT UP!!
IF THE CAPITAL GARRISON'S AGAINST US, CONTACT THE OTHER MILITARY DISTRICTS!
TRY EVERYONE! WE'RE BOUND TO HAVE ALLIES SOMEWHERE!!
DON'T GIVE UP NOW, DAMN IT, WHEN WE'VE COME THIS FAR!!

WHRAM
NOW!
LET'S GO!!
BRRTT
BLAM

BRTTTTTTT
BRTTTTTT
BRTTTTTT

BAM BAM
THEY'RE COMING IN THE FRONT !!
THERE'S TOO MANY OF 'EM! WE CAN'T HOLD OUT !!
beep beep
STAND YOUR GROUND !!
THERE MUST BE OTHERS WHO SUPPORT US !!
THE REVO-LUTION WILL PREVAIL !!
SSSHHH
FIGHT ON!!
TO THE END..
WHSSHHH
!

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...
HUH
...

HEH...
HEH.
THIS IS PERFECT
...
EVEN NOW
...
MY LUCK HASN'T DESER-TED ME.
GO AHEAD -- KILL ME
YOU BEAT ME .. YOU WON.
IF ANY-ONE'S GOING TO FINISH ME OFF ...
.. IT'S ONLY FAIR IT SHOULD BE YOU.

EVEN IF YOU JUST WALK AWAY, I'LL PROBABLY DIE ANYWAY ...
BUT THAT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY
FOR ME TO GO OUT WITH A WHIMPER ...
SO GO AHEAD... LET ME DIE AT YOUR HANDS
kuff
...
WELL ?
WHAT'S WRONG ?
...
MAYBE THIS IS FOR THE BEST, MAJOR.
MAYBE THIS IS HOW YOU DE-SERVE TO DIE
YOU'RE A BRO-KEN MAN ...
WHY SHOULD I BOTHER TO KILL YOU NOW ?
...
STOP !

I REFUSE TO BE PATRONIZED ..
=koff=
BY A YOUNG PUNK LIKE YOU ..
HAH!
YOU'RE SADLY MISTAKEN ..
YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING ME A FAVOR ?!
YOU SNOT-NOSED BRAT!
THEN LET ME REFRESH YOUR MEMORY --
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN LUISA ?
AND SHE WAS MY SLAVE
SHE'D DO ANYTHING I TOLD HER ...
SHE WAS A FINE WOMAN ..
A REAL SWEETHEART ..
SHUT UP!

I SAID SHUT UP!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
AHH, SUCH PURE LOVE AND DEVOTION ...
HEH, HEH ..
WHAT A LAUGH
SHE MIGHT'VE BEEN YOUR DREAM GIRL ..
BUT TO ME, SHE WAS A SERVANT ...
A PLAY-THING
SHUT UP!!
AND YOU KNOW ..
SHE LOVED IT
WHEN YOU FINALLY GROW UP, YOU'LL SEE THAT, TOO, CAN BE LOVE!
NEVER FORGET IT! REMEMBER HER THAT WAY !!
SHE LOVED TO LICK MY BOOTS ...

BLAM
BLAM
BLAMBLAMBLAM

AH...
AHHH...
AH...

COUP D'ETAT PUT DOWN

CAPITAL GARRISON K.O.'S REBELS!!

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL KARNOV

MAJOR RADO: ALLEGED MASTERMIND

SHOT DEAD

PRO-APHRODIA FORCES BEHIND THE COUP?

CONSUL LEBENDORFF'S COURAGEOUS STAND "I'LL NEVER YIELD TO TERRORISTS!"

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH!!

QUICK RECOVERY EXPECTED

CONSUL VISITS CASUALTIES

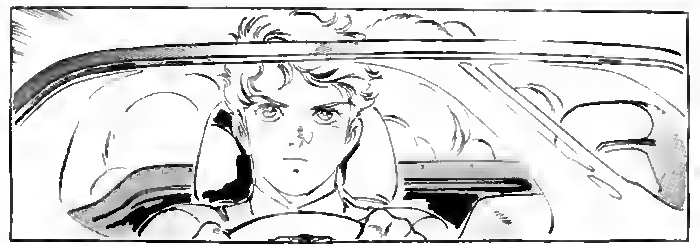
CONSUL HONORS EROES WHO FOILED PLOT

LL TO RECEIVE DER OF VENUS"

FORMAL CEREMONY AT PALACE

GALLANT OFFICER

MATT RADO REDEE HIS LOS HONOR!

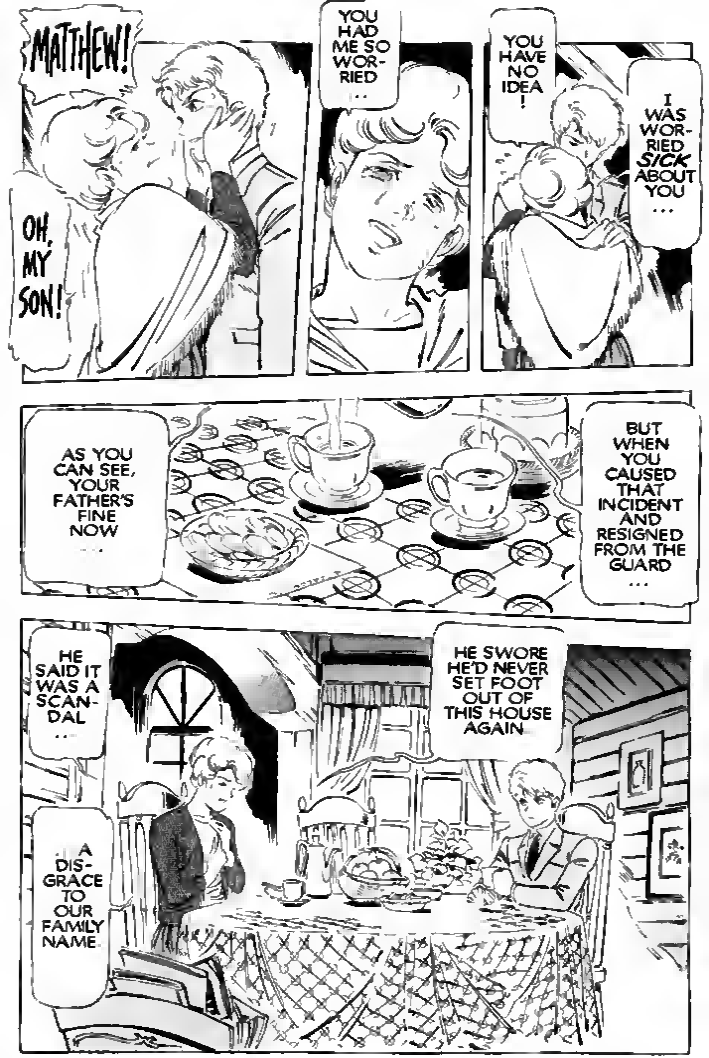


"MATTHEW'S MOUNTAIN HOME-- JUST AHEAD"
"LET ME GIVE YOU SOME SOUND ADVICE, MATTHEW
"IT'S TOO RISKY FOR YOU TO STAY IN ISHTAR.
"SOMETHING BAD IS BOUND TO HAPPEN.
"THINK ABOUT IT.
"YOU'VE SEEN TOO MUCH, KNOW TOO MUCH.
"LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US TO TERRA!"

"YOU CAN WAIT THERE FOR THIS WHOLE THING TO BLOW OVER.
"I'D BE THE FIRST TO ADMIT TERRAN POLITICS ARE COR-RUPT, TOO
"BUT I WANT YOU TO SEE EARTH FOR ITSELF...
"I THINK YOU REALLY NEED TO DO THAT.
"THERE'S BEAUTY THERE, TOO, YOU KNOW.
"NOT ONLY BLUE SKY AND GREEN FOR-ESTS...
"BUT PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU...
"...WHO WANT TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST!
"THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE THAT EVERY-WHERE, YOU KNOW--
"--EVEN IN APHRODIA, TOO!"

"I KNOW SOME REALLY GREAT KIDS THERE!
"YOU SHOULDN'T BE KILLING EACH OTHER
"IN FACT, IF YOU MET, I'M SURE YOU'D BECOME GREAT FRIENDS!
"WITH TRUST, WITH UNDERSTANDING, THERE'S NO NEED FOR WAR
"--OR INSPECTIONS, OR LYING TO EACH OTHER
"LET'S MAKE THIS THE KIND OF WORLD WE WANT TO LIVE IN, MATTHEW!"

DO AS YOU WISH, SON.
IF YOU WANT TO GO TO EARTH IN A PARAMILITARY CAPACITY, I CAN PULL SOME STRINGS FOR YOU.
BUT I IMAGINE THAT WON'T BE NECES-SARY.
I KNOW YOU CAN MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN NOW.
BELIEVE IN YOUR-SELF


MATTHEW!
OH, MY SON!
YOU HAD ME SO WORRIED ...
YOU HAVE NO IDEA!
I WAS WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU ...
AS YOU CAN SEE, YOUR FATHER'S FINE NOW ...
BUT WHEN YOU CAUSED THAT INCIDENT AND RESIGNED FROM THE GUARD ...
HE SAID IT WAS A SCANDAL ...
A DISGRACE TO OUR FAMILY NAME
HE SWORE HE'D NEVER SET FOOT OUT OF THIS HOUSE AGAIN

I... I'M SORRY --
NO, NO, DON'T SAY THAT NOW!
YOU ACTED WITH HONOR... YOU WERE TRUE TO YOURSELF!
...
...
MOTHER !
Y-
Y- YES ?!
!!
I DIDN'T GET AROUND TO TELLING DAD THIS, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO TERRA ALONE.
A FRIEND IS GOING WITH ME --
--A ... A LADY FRIEND !
WE'RE JUST FRIENDS NOW ...
BUT YOU NEVER KNOW MAYBE ...
OH, MY!!
WHY, THAT'S WON-DERFUL
ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH HER?
N- NOT REALLY ...

STUFF IT AL-READY!
I TOLD YOU-- WE'RE JUST FRIENDS!!
MATT SAID HE'D BE LONELY BY HIMSELF!
I'M JUST DOING HIM A FAVOR BY GOING!
MUST BE NICE
YEAH!!
LOOKIT US!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A COUPLE A' "UPSTANDING CITIZENS" NOW!
WE CAN'T EVEN GO OUT AN' RAISE HELL ANYMORE
HMMM?

SHEE-IT
WE GOT NOTHIN' LEFT TO LIVE FOR
SOB!
SNIFF!
THE FUTURE SHINES BRIGHTLY AS A MILLION STARS!
THERE'LL BE NO TIME FOR TEARS TOMORROW!
FOR WE ARE THE FIRST CHILDREN OF MANKIND TO TRULY STEP OUT OF THE CRADLE!
SHUT ME!
WHAT A LOAD A' CRAP!
GET A GRIP, GUYS!
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG!
SWAP!
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, DEAR!
I'LL BE FINE, MOM
THE AIR AND THE WATER ARE DIFFERENT ON TERRA!
THE RADOMS

CALL US WHEN YOU GET THERE!
AND HURRY BACK!
YOU AND DAD TAKE CARE, TOO, MOM!
VRMMMM

SWISH
BAM
OH HOW LOVELY!
LOOK IT, MA!

NOW ALL YOUR FRIENDS—
—WILL KNOW HOW TO GET TO YOUR HOUSE
MATTHEW'S MOUNTAIN HOME— JUST AHEAD
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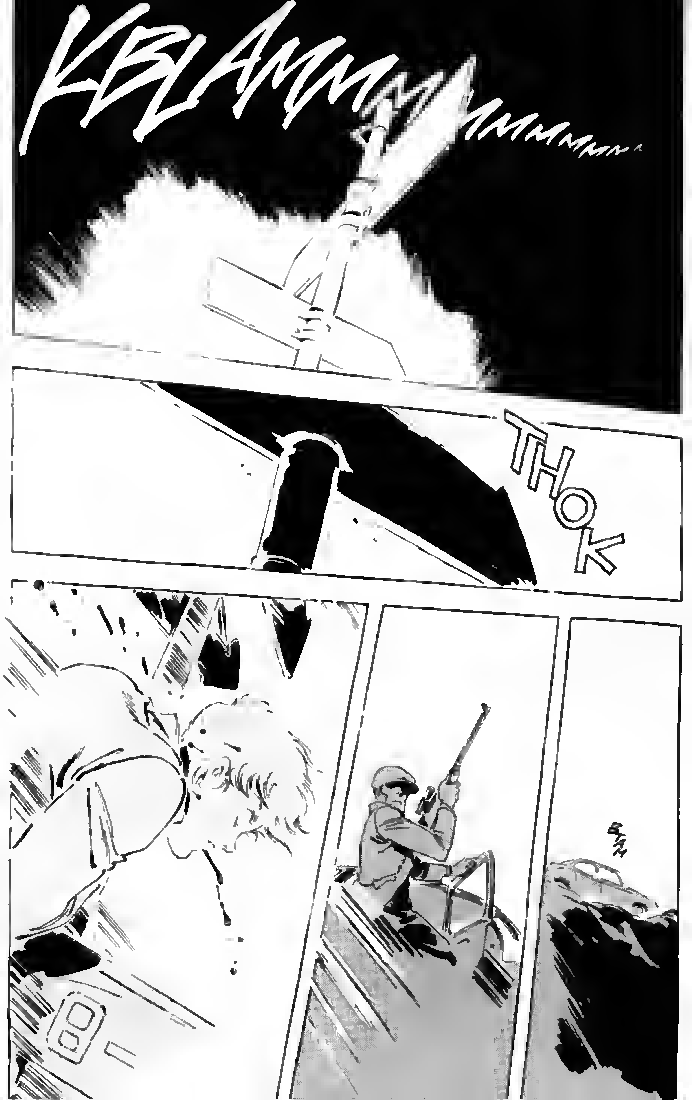
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THOK

WHY..
. . . .
END

TERRA E

THE PERFECT SOUVENIR! A VERDISIAN SPECIALTY— COLI TEAST BEER!
MAYBE NEXT TIME.
LT. GUN-NAN!
I'M SORRY --
I-- FEEL BAD ABOUT THIS.
ULP!
YOW! IT'S HUMONGOUS!
THEY'RE CALLING THIS A TEMPO-RARY REASSIGN-MENT, BUT I KNOW I'LL NEVER BE BACK.
IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND WITH THIS MESS..
HA HA..
DON'T WORRY!
ANY-WAY, THERE'S S-SOME-THING ELSE --
-- I WANTED TO DIS-CUSS IN PRIVATE... BEFORE YOU LEAVE...
OH, DEAR!
LOOK AT THE TIME!
HE'S CER-TAIN-LY LATE, ISN'T HE...?
UMM.
YEAH...

THE END OF *THE VENUS WARS.*